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(57) Abstract: Linkage of myocardial infarction (MI) with a locus on chromosome 12q23 is disclosed. In particular, the LTA4H gene within this locus is shown by association analysis to be a susceptibility gene for MI. Methods for preventing and/or treating the recurrence of MI, in particular are described.

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METHODS OF PREVENTING OR TREATING RECURRENCE OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

RELATED APPLICATION

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/503,587, filed on September 17, 2003. The entire teachings of the above application are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Myocardial Infarction (MI) is one of the most common diagnoses in hospitalized patients in industrialized countries. Myocardial Infarction generally occurs when there is an abrupt decrease in coronary blood flow following a thrombotic occlusion of a coronary artery previously narrowed by atherosclerosis. Infarction occurs when a coronary artery thrombus develops rapidly at a site of vascular injury, which is produced or facilitated by factors such as cigarette smoking, hypertension and lipid accumulation. In most cases, infarction occurs when an atherosclerotic plaque fissures, ruptures or ulcerates and when conditions favor thrombogenesis. In rare cases, infarction may be due to coronary artery occlusion caused by coronary emboli, congenital abnormalities, coronary spasm, and a wide variety of systemic, particularly inflammatory diseases.

Although classical risk factors such as smoking, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, and diabetes are associated with many cases of coronary heart disease (CHD) and MI, many patients do not have involvement of these risk factors. In fact, many patients who exhibit one or more of these risk factors do not develop MI. Family history has long been recognized as one of the major risk factors. Although some of the familial

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clustering of MI reflects the genetic contribution to the other conventional risk factors, a large number of studies have suggested that there are significant genetic susceptibility factors, beyond those of the known risk factors (Friedlander Y, et al., Br Heart J. 1985; 53:382-7, Shea S. et al., J. Am. Coll. Cardiol. 1984; 4:793-801, and Hopkins P.N., et al., Am. J. Cardiol. 1988; 62:703-7). Major genetic susceptibility factors have not yet been published. Currently anti-coagulants (e.g., aspirin) or cholesterol lowering drugs (e.g., statins) are used to prevent or treat the recurrence of myocardial infarction.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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As described herein, a gene on chromosome 12q23 has been identified as playing a major role in myocardial infarction (MI). The gene comprises nucleic acid that encodes leukotriene A4 hydrolase, herein after referred to as LTA4H.

The invention pertains to methods of treatment (prophylactic and/or therapeutic) for certain diseases and conditions (e.g., MI, ACS, atherosclerosis) associated with LTA4H or with other members of the leukotriene pathway (e.g., biosynthetic enzymes, such as 5- lipoxygenase activating protein (FLAP) and arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase (5-LO); catabolic enzymes, such as leukotriene B4 12hydroxydehydrogenase (LTB4DH) and leukotriene B4 omega hydroxylase; receptors, modulators and/or binding agents of the enzymes; and receptors for leukotriene B4 (LTB4), including leukotriene B4 receptor 1 (BLT1), and leukotriene B4 receptor 2 (BLT2)). The methods include the following: methods of treatment for myocardial infarction or susceptibility to myocardial infarction; for acute coronary syndrome (ACS), e.g., unstable angina, non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) or ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI); for decreasing risk of a second myocardial infarction; for atherosclerosis, such as for patients requiring treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stents, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries (e.g., coronary arteries); and/or for decreasing leukotriene synthesis (e.g., for preventing or treating recurrence of myocardial infarction).

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In the methods of the invention, a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is administered to an individual in a therapeutically effective amount. The leukotriene synthesis inhibitor can be an agent that inhibits or antagonizes a member of the leukotriene synthesis pathway (e.g., LTA4H, FLAP, or 5-LO). For example, the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor can be an agent that inhibits or antagonizes LTA4H polypeptide activity (e.g., an LTA4H inhibitor) and/or LTA4H nucleic acid expression, as described herein. In another embodiment, the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an agent that inhibits or antagonizes polypeptide activity and/or nucleic acid expression of another member of the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway (e.g., FLAP, 5-LO) or an LTB4 receptor (e.g., BLT1 and/or BLT2). In preferred embodiments, the agent alters activity and/or nucleic acid expression of LTA4H. Preferred agents include those set forth in the Agent Table and in the Additional LTA4H Agent List herein. In another embodiment, preferred agents can be: ethyl-1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-4-piperidine-carboxylate, otherwise known as SC-56938; [4-[5-(3-Phenyl-propyl)thiophen-2-yl]butoxy]acetic acid, otherwise known as RP64966; (R)-S-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methyl]-N-(3-mercapto-2methyl-1-oxopropyl-L-cycteine, otherwise known as SA6541; optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues. In another embodiment, the agent alters metabolism or activity of a leukotriene (e.g., LTB4), such as leukotriene antagonists or antibodies to leukotrienes, as well as agents which alter activity of a leukotriene receptor (e.g., BLT1 and/or BLT2).

In certain embodiments of the invention, the individual is an individual who has at least one risk factor, such as an at-risk haplotype for myocardial infarction; an at-risk haplotype in the LTA4H gene; a polymorphism in a LTA4H nucleic acid; an at-risk polymorphism in the FLAP gene, an at-risk polymorphism in the 5-LO gene promoter, diabetes; hypertension; hypercholesterolemia; elevated lp(a); obesity; a past or current smoker; an elevated inflammatory marker (e.g., a marker such as C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, di-tyrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite, interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, a soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule (sVCAM), a soluble intervascular adhesion molecule (sICAM), E-selectin,

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matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9); increased total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol and/or decreased HDL cholesterol; increased leukotriene synthesis; and/or at least one previous myocardial infarction, ACS, stable angina, atherosclerosis, history of peripheral arterial occlusive disease, previous or acute stroke or transient ischemic attack, and past or acute treatment for restoration of coronary artery blood flow (e.g., angioplasty, stenting, coronary artery bypass graft).

The invention pertains to use of leukotriene synthesis inhibitors for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of MI, ACS, and/or atherosclerosis, as described herein, as well as for the manufacture of a medicament for the reduction of leukotriene synthesis.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows the results of the first step of the linkage analysis: multipoint non-parametric LOD scores for a framework marker map on chromosome 12. A LOD score suggestive of linkage of 1.95 was found at marker D12S2081.

FIG. 2 shows the results of the second step of the linkage analysis: multipoint non-parametric LOD scores for the families after adding 20 fine mapping markers to the candidate region. The inclusion of additional microsatellite markers increased the information on sharing by decent from 0.8 to 0.9, around the markers that gave the highest LOD scores.

FIGS. 3.1-3.33 show the genomic sequence of the LTA4H gene (SEQ ID NO:

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FIG. 4 shows the sequence of the LTA4H mRNA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

FIG. 5 shows the sequence of the LTA4H polypeptide (SEQ ID NO: 3).

FIGS. 6.1-6.32 show the sequences of particular SNPs of the LTA4H gene (SEQ ID NOs: 4-92).

FIGS. 7.1-7.8 show the sequences of other particular SNPs of the LTA4H gene (SEQ ID NOs: 93-117).

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In a genome wide search for genes that cause MI using a large number of Icelandic patients and families, linkage (that is, excess sharing of a given location in the genome) was found to a locus or location on chromosome 12q23. Given our past discovery that FLAP is major gene contributing to MI risk, we noted that a candidate gene encoding a protein in the same molecular pathway as FLAP, LTA4H, resided within this locus. Three microsatellite markers and 12 SNPs spanning a 79kb region across the LTA4H gene were genotyped in approximately 1000 patients and 460 controls.

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A haplotype consisting of 2 microsatellite markers and 2 SNPs was found to be in significant excess in MI patients, compared with controls. These results strongly suggest that the LTA4H gene is a susceptibility gene for myocardial infarction and is likely involved in its pathogenesis or underlying disease process. The LTA4H nucleic acid encodes an enzyme, leukotriene A4 hydrolase, which participates in leukotriene biosynthesis. Other members of the leukotriene pathway have been shown to be associated with MI (see U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/419,432, filed on October 17, 2002; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/829,674, filed on April 22, 2004). Mutations and/or polymorphisms within the LTA4H nucleic acid that show association with the disease can potentially be used for diagnostic purposes. Furthermore, the LTA4H gene, and other members of the leukotriene pathway are therapeutic targets for myocardial infarction.

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The leukotrienes are a family of highly potent biological mediators of inflammatory processes produced primarily by bone marrow derived leukocytes such as monocytes, macrophages, and neutrophils. Leukotriene biosynthetic enzymes are detected within atherosclerosis lesions, indicating that the vessel itself can be a source of leukotrienes. Increased production of leukotrienes in individuals with pre-existing atherosclerosis lesions may lead to plaque instability or friability of the fibrous cap leading to local thrombotic events. If this occurs in coronary artery arteries it leads to MI or unstable angina. If it occurs in the cerebrovasculature it leads to stroke or transient ischemic attack. If it occurs in large arteries to the limbs, it causes or

exacerbates limb ischemia in persons with peripheral arterial occlusive disease (PAOD). Therefore, those with genetically influenced predisposition to produce higher leukotriene levels may be at higher risk for local thrombotic events over a preexisting atherosclerosic lesion leading to ischemic events such as MI, stroke, and PAOD. In addition, local leukotriene production by cells within atherosclerotic plaques and the vasculature may accelerate the progression of atherosclerosis and increase the risk of clinically important atherosclerosis.

As a result of these discoveries, methods are now available for the prevention and/or treatment of myocardial infarction (MI) and acute coronary syndrome (ACS) through the use of leukotriene inhibitors, such as agents that inhibit leukotriene biosynthesis or antagonize signaling through leukotriene receptors. The term, "treatment" as used herein, refers not only to ameliorating symptoms associated with the disease or condition, but also preventing or delaying the onset of the disease or condition; preventing or delaying the occurrence of a second episode of the disease or condition; and/or also lessening the severity or frequency of symptoms of the disease or condition. In the case of atherosclerosis, "treatment" also refers to a minimization or reversal of the development of plaques. Methods are additionally available for assessing an individual's risk for MI or ACS. In preferred embodiment, the individual to be treated is an individual who is susceptible (at increased risk) for MI or ACS, such as an individual who is in one of the representative target populations described herein.

REPRESENTATIVE TARGET POPULATIONS

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We have defined several target populations that may especially benefit from medicaments developed against LTA4H.

In one embodiment of the invention, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has an at-risk haplotype in LTA4H, as described herein. In one embodiment, the haplotype can comprise alleles 0, T, 0, and A, of markers DG12S1664, SG12S26, DG12S1666, and SG12S144, respectively, at the 12q23 locus. This LTA4H "at-risk" haplotype is detected in over 76 % of male patients who

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have previously had an MI, conferring an increased relative risk of 1.4 fold and in 72% of female MI patients with a relative risk of 1.2. Increased risk for MI or ACS in individuals with an LTA4H at-risk haplotype is logically conferred by increased production of leukotrienes in the arterial vessel wall or in bone-marrow derived inflammatory cells within the blood and/or arterial vessel wall. In another embodiment of the invention, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has a polymorphism in an LTA4H gene, in which the presence of the polymorphism is indicative of a susceptibility to MI or ACS. The term "gene," as used herein, refers to not only the sequence of nucleic acids encoding a polypeptide, but also the promoter regions, transcription enhancement elements, splice donor/acceptor sites, and other non-transcribed nucleic acid elements. Representative polymorphisms include those presented in Table 3. Along the same lines, certain variants in the FLAP gene and other members of the leukotriene biosynthetic and response pathway (see, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/419,432, filed on October 17, 2002; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/829,674, filed on April 22, 2004) may indicate one's increased risk for MI and ACS. Other representatibe at-risk haplotypes are shown in Table 4 and Table 5. Additional "at-risk" haplotypes can be determined using linkage disequilibrium and/or haplotype blocks, as described below.

In a further embodiment, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has an elevated inflammatory marker. An "elevated inflammatory marker," as used herein, is the presence of an amount of an inflammatory marker that is greater, by an amount that is statistically significant, than the amount that is typically found in control individual(s) or by comparison of disease risk in a population associated with the lowest band of measurement (e.g., below the mean or median, the lowest quartile or the lowest quintile) compared to higher bands of measurement (e.g., above the mean or median, the second, third or fourth quartile; the second, third, fourth or fifth quintile). An "inflammatory marker" refers to a molecule that is indicative of the presence of inflammation in an individual, for example, C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, dityrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, leukotriene levels

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(e.g., LTB4, LTE4), leukotriene metabolites (e.g., 12-oxo-LTB4, 10,11,14,15-tetrahydro-12-oxo-LTB4), interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, soluble vascular cell adhesion molecules (sVCAM), soluble intervascular adhesion molecules (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9) or other markers (see, e.g., Doggen, C.J.M. et al., J.. Internal Med., 248:406-414 (2000); Ridker, P.M. et al., New England. J. Med. 1997: 336: 973-979, Rettersol, L. et al., 2002: 160:433-440; Ridker, P.M. et. al., New England. J. Med., 2002: 347: 1557-1565; Bermudez, E.A. et al., Arterioscler. Thromb. Vasc. Biol., 2002: 22:1668-1673). In certain embodiments, the presence of such inflammatory markers can be measured in serum or urine.

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In a third embodiment, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has increased total cholesterol, increased LDL cholesterol and/or decreased HDL cholesterol levels. For example, the American Heart Association indicates that an LDL cholesterol level of less than 100 mg/dL is optimal; from 100-129 mg/dL is near/above optimal; from 130-159 mg/dL is borderline high; from 160-189 is high; and from 190 and up is very high. Therefore, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS because of an increased LDL cholesterol level is, for example, an individual who has more than 100 mg/dL cholesterol, such as an individual who has a near/above optimal level, a borderline high level, a high level or a very high level. Similarly, the American Heart Association indicates that an HDL cholesterol level of less than 40 mg/dL is a major risk factor for heart disease; and an HDL cholesterol level of 60 mg/dL or more is protective against heart disease. Thus, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS because of a decreased HDL cholesterol level is, for example, an individual who has less than 60 mg/dL HDL cholesterol, such as an individual who has less than 40 mg/dL HDL cholesterol.

In a fourth embodiment, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has increased leukotriene synthesis. "Increased leukotriene synthesis," as used herein, indicates an amount of production of leukotrienes that is greater, by an amount that is statistically significant, than the amount of production of leukotrienes

that is typically found in control individual(s) or by comparison of leukotriene production in a population associated with the lowest band of measurement (e.g., below the mean or median, the lowest quartile or the lowest quintile) compared to higher bands of measurement (e.g., above the mean or median, the second, third or fourth quartile; the second, third, fourth or fifth quintile). An individual can be assessed for the presence of increased leukotriene synthesis by a variety of methods. For example, an individual can be assessed for an increased risk of MI, ACS or atherosclerosis, by assessing the level of a leukotriene metabolite (e.g., LTB4, LTE4) in a sample (e.g., serum, plasma or urine) from the individual. An increased level of leukotriene metabolites is indicative of increased production of leukotrienes, and of an increased risk of MI, ACS or atherosclerosis.

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In a further embodiment, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has already experienced at least one MI or ACS event, or who has stable angina, and is therefore at risk for a second MI or ACS event. In another embodiment, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has atherosclerosis or who requires treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stenting, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries.

In additional embodiments, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual who has diabetes; hypertension; hypercholesterolemia; elevated lp(a); obesity; acute or past stroke or transient ischemic event, peripheral arterial occlusive disease, and/or is a past or current smoker.

Individuals at risk for MI or ACS may fall into more than one of these representative target populations. For example, an individual may have experienced at least one MI or ACS event, and may also have an increased level of an inflammatory marker. As used therein, the term "individual in a target population" refers to an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS who falls into at least one of the representative target populations described above.

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ASSESSMENT FOR AT-RISK HAPLOTYPES

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A "haplotype," as described herein, refers to a combination of genetic markers ("alleles"). In a certain embodiment, the haplotype can comprise two or more alleles, three or more alleles, four or more alleles, or five or more alleles. The genetic markers are particular "alleles" at "polymorphic sites" associated with LTA4H. A nucleotide position at which more than one sequence is possible in a population (either a natural population or a synthetic population, e.g., a library of synthetic molecules), is referred to herein as a "polymorphic site". Where a polymorphic site is a single nucleotide in length, the site is referred to as a single nucleotide polymorphism ("SNP"). For example, if at a particular chromosomal location, one member of a population has an adenine and another member of the population has a thymine at the same position, then this position is a polymorphic site, and, more specifically, the polymorphic site is a SNP. Polymorphic sites can allow for differences in sequences based on substitutions, insertions or deletions. Each version of the sequence with respect to the polymorphic site is referred to herein as an "allele" of the polymorphic site. Thus, in the previous example, the SNP allows for both an adenine allele and a thymine allele.

Typically, a reference sequence is referred to for a particular sequence. Alleles that differ from the reference are referred to as "variant" alleles. For example, the reference LTA4H sequence is described herein by SEQ ID NO:1. The term, "variant LTA4H", as used herein, refers to a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:1, but is otherwise substantially similar. The genetic markers that make up the haplotypes described herein are LTA4H variants.

Additional variants can include changes that affect a polypeptide, e.g., the LTA4H polypeptide. These sequence differences, when compared to a reference nucleotide sequence, can include the insertion or deletion of a single nucleotide, or of more than one nucleotide, resulting in a frame shift; the change of at least one nucleotide, resulting in a change in the encoded amino acid; the change of at least one nucleotide, resulting in the generation of a premature stop codon; the deletion of several nucleotides, resulting in a deletion of one or more amino acids encoded by the

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nucleotides; the insertion of one or several nucleotides, such as by unequal recombination or gene conversion, resulting in an interruption of the coding sequence of a reading frame; duplication of all or a part of a sequence; transposition; or a rearrangement of a nucleotide sequence, as described in detail above. Such sequence changes alter the polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid. For example, if the change in the nucleic acid sequence causes a frame shift, the frame shift can result in a change in the encoded amino acids, and/or can result in the generation of a premature stop codon, causing generation of a truncated polypeptide. Alternatively, a polymorphism associated with MI or a susceptibility to MI can be a synonymous change in one or more nucleotides (i.e., a change that does not result in a change in the amino acid sequence). Such a polymorphism can, for example, alter splice sites, affect the stability or transport of mRNA, or otherwise affect the transcription or translation of the polypeptide. The polypeptide encoded by the reference nucleotide sequence is the "reference" polypeptide with a particular reference amino acid sequence, and polypeptides encoded by variant alleles are referred to as "variant" polypeptides with variant amino acid sequences.

In one embodiment, haplotypes can be used to identify individuals at risk for MI OR ACS. Haplotypes are a combination of genetic markers, e.g., particular alleles at polymorphic sites. Markers can include, for example, SNPs and microsatellites. The haplotypes can comprise a combination of various genetic markers; therefore, detecting haplotypes can be accomplished by methods known in the art for detecting sequences at polymorphic sites. For example, standard techniques for genotyping for the presence of SNPs and/or microsatellite markers can be used, such as fluorescent based techniques (Chen, et al., Genome Res. 9, 492 (1999)), PCR, LCR, Nested PCR and other techniques for nucleic acid amplification. These markers and SNPs can be identified in at-risk haploptypes. Certain methods of identifying relevant markers and SNPs include the use of linkage disequilibrium (LD) and/or LOD scores.

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Linkage Disequilibrium

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Linkage Disequilibrium (LD) refers to a non-random assortment of two genetic elements. For example, if a particular genetic element (e.g., "alleles" at a polymorphic site) occurs in a population at a frequency of 0.25 and another occurs at a frequency of 0.25, then the predicted occurrance of a person's having both elements is 0.125, assuming a random distribution of the elements. However, if it is discovered that the two elements occur together at a frequency higher than 0.125, then the elements are said to be in linkage disequilibrium since they tend to be inherited together at a higher rate than what their independent allele frequencies would predict. Roughly speaking, LD is generally correlated with the frequency of recombination events between the two elements.

Many different measures have been proposed for assessing the strength of linkage disequilibrium (LD). Most capture the strength of association between pairs of biallelic sites. Two important pairwise measures of LD are r² (sometimes denoted ²) and |D|. Both measures range from 0 (no disequilibrium) to 1 ('complete' disequilibrium), but their interpretation is slightly different. |D| is defined in such a way that it is equal to 1 if just two or three of the possible haplotypes are present, and it is <1 if all four possible haplotypes are present. So, a value of $|\vec{D}|$ that is <1 indicates that historical recombination has occurred between two sites (recurrent mutation can also cause |D| to be <1, but for single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) this is usually regarded as being less likely than recombination). The measure r² represents the statistical correlation between two sites, and takes the value of 1 if only two haplotypes are present. It is arguably the most relevant measure for association mapping, because there is a simple inverse relationship between r² and the sample size required to detect association between susceptibility loci and SNPs. These measures are defined for pairs of sites, but for some applications a determination of how strong LD is across an entire region that contains many polymorphic sites might be desirable (e.g., testing whether the strength of LD differs significantly among loci or across populations, or whether there is more or less LD in a region than predicted under a

particular model). Measuring LD across a region is not straightforward, but one approach is to use the measure r, which was developed in population genetics. Roughly speaking, r measures how much recombination would be required under a particular population model to generate the LD that is seen in the data. This type of method can potentially also provide a statistically rigorous approach to the problem of determining whether LD data provide evidence for the presence of recombination hotspots.

Haplotypes and LOD Score Definition of a Susceptibility Locus

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In certain embodiments, haplotype analysis involves defining a candidate susceptibility locus using LOD scores. The defined regions are then ultra-fine mapped with microsatellite markers with an average spacing between markers of less than 100 kb. All usable microsatellite markers that are found in public databases and mapped within that region can be used. In addition, microsatellite markers identified within the deCODE genetics sequence assembly of the human genome can be used. The frequencies of haplotypes in the patient and the control groups can be estimated using an expectation-maximization algorithm (Dempster A. et al., 1977. J. R. Stat. Soc. B, 39:1-389). An implementation of this algorithm that can handle missing genotypes and uncertainty with the phase can be used. Under the null hypothesis, the patients and the controls are assumed to have identical frequencies. Using a likelihood approach, an alternative hypothesis is tested, where a candidate at-riskhaplotype, which can include the markers described herein, is allowed to have a higher frequency in patients than controls, while the ratios of the frequencies of other haplotypes are assumed to be the same in both groups. Likelihoods are maximized separately under both hypotheses and a corresponding 1-df likelihood ratio statistic is used to evaluate the statistic significance.

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To look for at-risk-haplotypes in the 1-lod drop, for example, association of all possible combinations of genotyped markers is studied, provided those markers span a practical region. The combined patient and control groups can be randomly divided into two sets, equal in size to the original group of patients and controls. The

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haplotype analysis is then repeated and the most significant p-value registered is determined. This randomization scheme can be repeated, for example, over 100 times to construct an empirical distribution of p-values. In a preferred embodiment, a p-value of <0.05 is indicative of an at-risk haplotype.

A detailed discussion of haplotype analysis follows.

Haplotype analysis

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One general approach to haplotype analysis involves using likelihood-based inference applied to NEsted MOdels. The method is implemented in the program NEMO, which allows for many polymorphic markers, SNPs and microsatellites. The method and software are specifically designed for case-control studies where the purpose is to identify haplotype groups that confer different risks. It is also a tool for studying LD structures.

When investigating haplotypes constructed from many markers, apart from looking at each haplotype individually, meaningful summaries often require putting haplotypes into groups. A particular partition of the haplotype space is a model that assumes haplotypes within a group have the same risk, while haplotypes in different groups can have different risks. Two models/partitions are nested when one, the alternative model, is a finer partition compared to the other, the null model, *i.e.*, the alternative model allows some haplotypes assumed to have the same risk in the null model to have different risks. The models are nested in the classical sense that the null model is a special case of the alternative model. Hence traditional generalized likelihood ratio tests can be used to test the null model against the alternative model. Note that, with a multiplicative model, if haplotypes h_i and h_j are assumed to have the same risk, it corresponds to assuming that f_i $p_i = f_j$ p_j where f and p denote haplotype frequencies in the affected population and the control population respectively.

One common way to handle uncertainty in phase and missing genotypes is a two-step method of first estimating haplotype counts and then treating the estimated counts as the exact counts, a method that can sometimes be problematic (e.g., see the information measure section below) and may require randomization to properly

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evaluate statistical significance. In NEMO, maximum likelihood estimates, likelihood ratios and p-values are calculated directly, with the aid of the EM algorithm, for the observed data treating it as a missing-data problem.

NEMO allows complete flexibility for partitions. For example, the first haplotype problem described in the Methods section on Statistical analysis considers testing whether h_1 has the same risk as the other haplotypes $h_2, ..., h_k$. Here the alternative grouping is $[h_1], [h_2, ..., h_k]$ and the null grouping is $[h_1, ..., h_k]$. The second haplotype problem in the same section involves three haplotypes $h_1 = G0$, $h_2 =$ GX and $h_3 = AX$, and the focus is on comparing h_1 and h_2 . The alternative grouping is $[h_1]$, $[h_2]$, $[h_3]$ and the null grouping is $[h_1, h_2]$, $[h_3]$. If composite alleles exist, one could collapse these alleles into one at the data processing stage, and performed the test as described. This is a perfectly valid approach, and indeed, whether we collapse or not makes no difference if there were no missing information regarding phase. But, with the actual data, if each of the alleles making up a composite correlates differently with the SNP alleles, this will provide some partial information on phase. Collapsing at the data processing stage will unnecessarily increase the amount of missing information. A nested-models/partition framework can be used in this scenario. Let h_2 be split into h_{2a} , h_{2b} , ..., h_{2e} , and h_3 be split into h_{3a} , h_{3b} , ..., h_{3e} . Then the alternative grouping is $[h_1]$, $[h_{2a}, h_{2b}, \ldots, h_{2e}]$, $[h_{3a}, h_{3b}, \ldots, h_{3e}]$ and the null grouping is $[h_1, h_{2a}, h_{2b}, ..., h_{2e}]$, $[h_{3a}, h_{3b}, ..., h_{3e}]$. The same method can be used to handle composite where collapsing at the data processing stage is not even an option since L_C represents multiple haplotypes constructed from multiple SNPs. Alternatively, a 3-way test with the alternative grouping of $[h_1]$, $[h_{2a}, h_{2b}, ..., h_{2e}]$, $[h_{3a}, h_{3b}, ..., h_{3e}]$ versus the null grouping of $[h_1, h_{2a}, h_{2b}, ..., h_{2e}, h_{3a}, h_{3b}, ..., h_{3e}]$ could also be performed. Note that the generalized likelihood ratio test-statistic would have two degrees of freedom instead of one.

Measuring information

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Even though likelihood ratio tests based on likelihoods computed directly for the observed data, which have captured the information loss due to uncertainty in phase and missing genotypes, can be relied on to give valid p-values, it would still be

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of interest to know how much information had been lost due to the information being incomplete. Interestingly, one can measure information loss by considering a twostep procedure to evaluating statistical significance that appears natural but happens to be systematically anti-conservative. Suppose we calculate the maximum likelihood estimates for the population haplotype frequencies calculated under the alternative hypothesis that there are differences between the affected population and control population, and use these frequency estimates as estimates of the observed frequencies of haplotype counts in the affected sample and in the control sample. Suppose we then perform a likelihood ratio test treating these estimated haplotype counts as though they are the actual counts. We could also perform a Fisher's exact test, but we would then need to round off these estimated counts since they are in general non-integers. This test will in general be anti-conservative because treating the estimated counts as if they were exact counts ignores the uncertainty with the counts, overestimates the effective sample size and underestimates the sampling variation. It means that the chi-square likelihood-ratio test statistic calculated this way, denoted by Λ^* , will in general be bigger than Λ , the likelihood-ratio test-statistic calculated directly from the observed data as described in methods. But Λ^* is useful because the ratio Λ/Λ^* happens to be a good measure of information, or $1 - (\Lambda/\Lambda^*)$ is a measure of the fraction of information lost due to missing information. This information measure for haplotype analysis is described in Nicolae and Kong, Technical Report 537, Department of Statistics, University of Statistics, University of Chicago, Revised for *Biometrics* (2003) as a natural extension of information measures defined for linkage analysis, and is implemented in NEMO.

Statistical analysis

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For single marker association to the disease, the Fisher exact test can be used to calculate two-sided p-values for each individual allele. All p-values are presented unadjusted for multiple comparisons unless specifically indicated. The presented frequencies (for microsatellites, SNPs and haplotypes) are allelic frequencies as opposed to carrier frequencies. To minimize any bias due the relatedness of the patients who were recruited as families for the linkage analysis, first and second-

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degree relatives can be eliminated from the patient list. Furthermore, the test can be repeated for association correcting for any remaining relatedness among the patients, by extending a variance adjustment procedure (e.g., as described in Risch, N. & Teng, J., "The relative power of family-based and case-control designs for linkage disequilibrium studies of complex human diseases I. DNA pooling," *Genome Res.* 8:1278-1288 (1998)) for sibships so that it can be applied to general familial relationships, and present both adjusted and unadjusted p-values for comparison. The differences are in general very small as expected. To assess the significance of single-marker association corrected for multiple testing we carried out a randomisation test using the same genotype data. Cohorts of patients and controls can be randomized and the association analysis redone multiple times (e.g., up to 500,000 times) and the p-value is the fraction of replications that produced a p-value for some marker allele that is lower than or equal to the p-value we observed using the original patient and control cohorts.

For both single-marker and haplotype analyses, relative risk (RR) and the population attributable risk (PAR) can be calculated assuming a multiplicative model (haplotype relative risk model), (Terwilliger, J.D. & Ott, J., Hum Hered, 42, 337-46 (1992) and Falk, C.T. & Rubinstein, P, Ann Hum Genet 51 (Pt 3), 227-33 (1987)), i.e., that the risks of the two alleles/haplotypes a person carries multiply. For example, if RR is the risk of A relative to a, then the risk of a person homozygote AA will be RR times that of a heterozygote Aa and RR² times that of a homozygote aa. The multiplicative model has a nice property that simplifies analysis and computations - haplotypes are independent, i.e., in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, within the affected population as well as within the control population. As a consequence, haplotype counts of the affecteds and controls each have multinomial distributions, but with different haplotype frequencies under the alternative hypothesis. Specifically, for two haplotypes h_i and h_j , risk (h_i) /risk $(h_j) = (f_i/p_i)/(f_j/p_j)$, where f and p denote respectively frequencies in the affected population and in the

control population. While there is some power loss if the true model is not

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multiplicative, the loss tends to be mild except for extreme cases. Most importantly, p-values are always valid since they are computed with respect to null hypothesis.

In general, haplotype frequencies are estimated by maximum likelihood and tests of differences between cases and controls are performed using a generalized likelihood ratio test (Rice, J.A. Mathematical Statistics and Data Analysis, 602 (International Thomson Publishing, (1995)). deCODE's haplotype analysis program called NEMO, which stands for NEsted MOdels, can be used to calculate all the haplotype results. To handle uncertainties with phase and missing genotypes, it is emphasized that we do not use a common two-step approach to association tests, where haplotype counts are first estimated, possibly with the use of the EM algorithm, Dempster, (A.P., Laird, N.M. & Rubin, D.B., Journal of the Royal Statistical Society B, 39, 1-38 (1971)) and then tests are performed treating the estimated counts as though they are true counts, a method that can sometimes be problematic and may require randomisation to properly evaluate statistical significance. Instead, with NEMO, maximum likelihood estimates, likelihood ratios and p-values are computed with the aid of the EM-algorithm directly for the observed data, and hence the loss of information due to uncertainty with phase and missing genotypes is automatically captured by the likelihood ratios. Even so, it is of interest to know how much information is retained, or lost, due to incomplete information. Described herein is such a measure that is natural under the likelihood framework. For a fixed set of markers, the simplest tests performed compare one selected haplotype against all the others. Call the selected haplotype h_1 and the others $h_2, ..., h_k$. Let $p_1, ..., p_k$ denote the population frequencies of the haplotypes in the controls, and f_1, \ldots, f_k denote the population frequencies of the haplotypes in the affecteds. Under the null hypothesis, $f_i = p_i$ for all i. The alternative model we use for the test assumes $h_2, ..., h_k$ to have the same risk while h_1 is allowed to have a different risk. This implies that while p_1 can be different from f_1, f_i $(f_2 + ... + f_k) = p_i$ $(p_2 + ... + p_k) = \beta_i$ for i = 2, ..., k. Denoting f_1 p_1 by r, and noting that $\beta_2 + ... + \beta_k = 1$, the test statistic based on generalized likelihood ratios is

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$$\Lambda = 2 \left[\ell(\hat{r}, \hat{p}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, ..., \hat{\beta}_{k-1}) - \ell(1, \tilde{p}_1, \tilde{\beta}_2, ..., \tilde{\beta}_{k-1}) \right]$$

where ℓ denotes \log_e likelihood and $\tilde{}$ and $\tilde{}$ denote maximum likelihood estimates under the null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis respectively. Λ has asymptotically a chi-square distribution with 1-df, under the null hypothesis. Slightly more complicated null and alternative hypotheses can also be used. For example, let h_1 be G0, h_2 be GX and h_3 be AX. When comparing G0 against GX, *i.e.*, this is the test which gives estimated RR of 1.46 and p-value = 0.0002, the null assumes G0 and GX have the same risk but AX is allowed to have a different risk. The alternative hypothesis allows, for example, three haplotype groups to have different risks. This implies that, under the null hypothesis, there is a constraint that f_1 $p_1 = f_2$ p_2 , or $w = [f_1 \ p_1]$ $[f_2 \ p_2] = 1$. The test statistic based on generalized likelihood ratios is $\Lambda = 2 \left[\ell(\hat{p}_1, \hat{f}_1, \hat{p}_2, \hat{w}) - \ell(\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{f}_1, \tilde{p}_2, 1) \right]$

that again has asymptotically a chi-square distribution with 1-df under the null hypothesis. If there are composite haplotypes (for example, h_2 and h_3), that is handled in a natural manner under the nested models framework.

Linkage Disequilibrium using NEMO

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LD between pairs of SNPs can also be calculated using the standard definition of D' and R² (Lewontin, R., Genetics 49, 49-67 (1964) and Hill, W.G. & Robertson, A. Theor. Appl. Genet. 22, 226-231 (1968)). Using NEMO, frequencies of the two marker allele combinations are estimated by maximum likelihood and deviation from linkage equilibrium is evaluated by a likelihood ratio test. The definitions of D' and R² are extended to include microsatellites by averaging over the values for all possible allele combination of the two markers weighted by the marginal allele probabilities. When plotting all marker combination to elucidate the LD structure in a particular region, we plot D' in the upper left corner and the p-value in the lower right corner. In the LD plots the markers can be plotted equidistant rather than according to their physical location, if desired.

Statistical Methods for Linkage Analysis

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Multipoint, affected-only allele-sharing methods can be used in the analyses to assess evidence for linkage. Results, both the LOD-score and the non-parametric linkage (NPL) score, can be obtained using the program Allegro (Gudbjartsson et al., Nat. Genet. 25:12-3, 2000). Our baseline linkage analysis uses the Spairs scoring function (Whittemore, A.S., Halpern, J. (1994), Biometrics 50:118-27; Kruglyak L, et al. (1996), Am J Hum Genet 58:1347-63), the exponential allele-sharing model (Kong, A. and Cox, N.J. (1997), Am J Hum Genet 61:1179-88) and a family weighting scheme that is halfway, on the log-scale, between weighting each affected pair equally and weighting each family equally. The information measure we use is part of the Allegro program output and the information value equals zero if the marker genotypes are completely uninformative and equals one if the genotypes determine the exact amount of allele sharing by decent among the affected relatives (Gretarsdottir et al., Am. J. Hom. Genet, 70:593-603, (2002)). We computed the Pvalues two different ways and here report the less significant result. The first P-value can be computed on the basis of large sample theory; the distribution of Z_{lr} = (2[log_e(10)LOD]) approximates a standard normal variable under the null hypothesis of no linkage (Kong, A. and Cox, N.J. (1997), Am J Hum Genet 61:1179-88). The second P-value can be calculated by comparing the observed LOD-score with its complete data sampling distribution under the null hypothesis (e.g., Gudbjartsson et al., Nat. Genet. 25:12-3, 2000). When the data consist of more than a few families, these two P-values tend to be very similar.

Haplotypes and "Haplotype Block" Definition of a Susceptibility Locus

In certain embodiments, haplotype analysis involves defining a candidate susceptibility locus based on "haplotype blocks." It has been reported that portions of the human genome can be broken into series of discrete haplotype blocks containing a few common haplotypes; for these blocks, linkage disequilibrium data provided little evidence indicating recombination (see, e.g., Wall., J.D. and Pritchard, J.K., *Nature*

Reviews Genetics 4: 587-597 (2003); Daly, M. et al., Nature Genet. 29:229-232

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(2001); Gabriel, S.B. et al., Science 296:2225-2229 (2002); Patil, N. et al., Science 294:1719-1723 (2001); Dawson, E. et al., Nature 418:544-548 (2002); Phillips, M.S. et al., Nature Genet. 33:382-387 (2003)).

There are two main methods for defining haplotype blocks: blocks can be defined as regions of DNA that have limited haplotype diversity (see, e.g., Daly, M. et al., Nature Genet. 29:229-232 (2001); Patil, N. et al., Science 294:1719-1723 (2001); Dawson, E. et al., Nature 418:544-548 (2002); Zhang, K. et al., PNAS SA 99:7335-7339 (2002)), or as regions between transition zones having extensive historical recombination, identified using linkage disequilibrium (see, e.g., Gabriel, S.B. et al., Science 296:2225-2229 (2002); Phillips, M.S. et al., Nature Genet. 33:382-387 (2003); Wang, N. et al., Am. J. Hum. Genet. 71:1227-1234 (2002); Stumpf, M.P., and Goldstein, D.B., Curr. Biol. 13:1-8 (2003)). As used herein, the term, "haplotype block" includes blocks defined by either characteristic.

Representative methods for identification of haplotype blocks are set forth, for example, in U.S. Published Patent Applications 20030099964; 20030170665; 20040023237; 20040146870. Haplotype blocks can be used readily to map associations between phenotype and haplotype status. The main haplotytpes can be identified in each haplotype block, and then a set of "tagging" SNPs or markers (the smallest set of SNPs or markers needed to distinguish among the haplotypes) can then be identified. These tagging SNPs or markers can then be used in assessment of samples from groups of individuals, in order to identify association between phenotype and haplotype. If desired, neighboring haplotype blocks can be assessed concurrently, as there may also exist linkage disequilibrium among the haplotype blocks.

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Haplotypes and Diagnostics

Certain haplotypes as described herein, e.g., having markers such as those shown in Table 3, 4 or 5, have been found more frequently in individuals with MI and/or ACS than in individuals without MI and/or ACS. Therefore, these "at-risk" haplotypes have predictive value for detecting a susceptibility to MI or ACS in an

individual. In addition, haplotype blocks comprising certain tagging markers, can be found more frequently in individuals with MI or ACS than in individuals without MI or ACS. Therefore, these "at-risk" tagging markers within the haplotype blocks also have predictive value for detecting a susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual. "At-risk" tagging markers within the haplotype blocks can also include other markers that distinguish among the haplotypes, as these similarly have predictive value for detecting a susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual.

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The haplotypes and tagging markers useful herein are in some cases a combination of various genetic markers, e.g., SNPs and microsatellites. Therefore, detecting haplotypes can be accomplished by methods known in the art for detecting sequences at polymorphic sites, such as the methods described above. Furthermore, correlation between certain haplotypes or sets of tagging markers and disease phenotype can be verified using standard techniques. A representative example of a simple test for correlation would be a Fisher-exact test on a two by two table.

In specific embodiments, an at-risk haplotype in, or comprising portions of, the LTA4H gene, is one where the haplotype is more frequently present in an individual at risk for MI or ACS (affected), compared to the frequency of its presence in a healthy individual (control), and wherein the presence of the haplotype is indicative of susceptibility to MI or ACS. In other embodiments, at-risk tagging markers in a haplotype block in linkage disequilibrium with one or more markers in the LTA4H gene, are tagging markers which are more frequently present in an individual at risk for MI or ACS (affected), compared to the frequency of their presence in a healthy individual (control), and wherein the presence of the tagging markers is indicative of susceptibility to MI or ACS. In a further embodiments, atrisk markers in linkage disequilibrium with one or more markers in the LTA4H gene, are markers which are more frequently present in an individual at risk for MI or ACS (affected), compared to the frequency of their presence in a healthy individual (control), and wherein the presence of the markers is indicative of susceptibility to MI or ACS. In particularly preferred embodiments of the invention, at-risk haplotypes include haplotypes as shown in Table 4 or Table 5.

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In certain methods described herein, an individual who is at risk for MI or ACS is an individual in whom an at-risk haplotype is identified, or an individual in whom at-risk tagging markers are identified. In one embodiment, the at-risk haplotype or at-risk tagging markers confer a significant risk of MI or ACS. In one embodiment, significant risk of MI or ACS is measured by an odds ratio; in another embodiment, significant risk is measured by a percentage. In one embodiment, a significant risk is measured as an odds ratio of at least about 1.2, including by not limited to: 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, and 1.9. In a further embodiment, an odds ratio of at least 1.2 is significant. In a further embodiment, an odds ratio of at least about 1.5 is significant. In a further embodiment, a significant increase in risk is at least about 1.7 is significant. In a further embodiment, a significant increase in risk is at least about 20%, including but not limited to about 25%, 30%, 35%, 40%, 45%, 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, and 98%. In a further embodiment, a significant increase in risk is at least about 50%. In yet another embodiment, an at-risk haplotype has a p value < 0.05. It is understood however, that identifying whether a risk is medically significant may also depend on a variety of factors, including the specific disease, the haplotype, and often, environmental factors.

Particular embodiments of the invention encompass methods including a method of diagnosing a susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual, comprising assessing in an individual the presence or frequency of SNPs and/or microsatellites in, comprising portions of, the LTA4H gene, wherein an excess or higher frequency of the SNPs and/or microsatellites in the individual, compared to a healthy control individual, is indicative that the individual is susceptible to MI or ACS. See, for example, Table 3, 4 and/or 5 (below) for SNPs and markers that can form haplotypes that can be used as screening tools, as well as Tables 4 and/or 5 for haplotypes that can be used for screening tools. Other particular embodiments of the invention encompass methods of diagnosing a susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual, comprising detecting one or more markers at one or more polymorphic sites, wherein the one or more polymorrphic sites are in linkage disequilibrium with LTA4H.

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Individuals who have been identified as being susceptible to MI or ACS using the methods described herein are individuals who fall within a target population for the methods of therapy described herein.

METHODS OF THERAPY

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The present invention encompasses methods of treatment (prophylactic and/or therapeutic) for MI or ACS in individuals, such as individuals in the target populations described above, as well as for other diseases and conditions associated with LTA4H or with other members of the leukotriene pathway (e.g., for atherosclerosis). Members of the "leukotriene pathway," as used herein, include polypeptides (e.g., enzymes, receptors) and other molecules that are associated with production of leukotrienes: for example, enzymes such as LTA4H; other leukotriene biosynthetic enzymes (e.g., FLAP, 5-LO); receptors or binding agents of the enzymes; leukotrienes such as LTA4, and LTB4; and receptors of leukotrienes (e.g., leukotriene B4 receptor 1 (BLT1), leukotriene B4 receptor 2 (BLT2)).

In particular, the invention relates to methods of treatment for myocardial infarction or susceptibility to myocardial infarction (for example, for individuals in an at-risk population such as those described above); as well as methods of treatment for acute coronary syndrome (e.g., unstable angina, non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) or ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI)); for decreasing risk of a second myocardial infarction; for atherosclerosis, such as for patients requiring treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stenting, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries (e.g., coronary arteries); and/or for decreasing leukotriene synthesis (e.g., for preventing and/or treatment of MI or ACS).

The invention additionally pertains to use of one or more leukotriene synthesis inhibitors, as described herein, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of MI, ACS, and/or atherosclerosis, e.g., using the methods described herein.

In the methods of the invention, a "leukotriene synthesis inhibitor" is used. In one embodiment, a "leukotriene synthesis inhibitor" is an agent that inhibits LTA4H polypeptide activity and/or LTA4H nucleic acid expression, as described herein. In

another embodiment, a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an agent that inhibits polypeptide activity and/or nucleic acid expression of another member of the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway (e.g., FLAP, 5-LO). In still another embodiment, a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an agent that alters activity or metabolism of a leukotriene (e.g., an antagonist of a leukotriene; an antagonist of a leukotriene receptor). In preferred embodiments, the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor decreases activity and/or nucleic acid expression of LTA4H.

Leukotriene synthesis inhibitors can alter polypeptide activity or nucleic acid expression of a member of the leukotriene pathway by a variety of means, such as, for example, by catalytically degrading, downregulating or interfering with the expression, transcription or translation of a nucleic acid encoding the member of the leukotriene pathway; by altering posttranslational processing of the polypeptide; by altering transcription of splicing variants; or by interfering with polypeptide activity (e.g., by binding to the polypeptide, or by binding to another polypeptide that interacts with that member of the leukotriene pathway, such as an LTA4H binding agent as described herein or some other binding agent of a member of the leukotriene pathway; by altering interaction among two or more members of the leukotriene pathway (e.g., interaction between FLAP and 5-LO); or by antagonizing activity of a member of the leukotriene pathway.

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Representative leukotriene synthesis inhibitors include the following:

agents that inhibit activity of a member of the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway (e.g., LTA4, FLAP, 5-LO), such as the agents presented in the Agent Table or in the Additional LTA4H Agent List below;

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agents that inhibit activity of receptors of members of the leukotriene pathway, such as 5-LO receptors (e.g., FLAP), LTB4 receptors (e.g., BLT1, BLT2); agents that bind to the members of the leukotriene pathway, such as LTA4H binding agents, agents that bind to receptors of members of the leukotriene

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pathway (e.g., leukotriene receptor antagonists); or agents that bind to a leukotriene (e.g., to LTA4, LTB4) or otherwise affect (e.g., decrease) activity of the leukotriene;

antibodies to leukotrienes;

antisense nucleic acids or small double-stranded interfering RNA, to nucleic acids encoding LTA4H, or a leukotriene synthetase or other member of the leukotriene pathway (e.g., FLAP, 5-LO), or fragments or derivatives thereof, including antisense nucleic acids to nucleic acids encoding the LTA4H, or leukotriene synthetase polypeptides, and vectors comprising such antisense nucleic acids (e.g., nucleic acid, cDNA, and/or mRNA, double-stranded interfering RNA, or a nucleic acid encoding an active fragment or derivative thereof, or an oligonucleotide; for example, the complement of one of SEQ ID Nos. 1 or 2, or a nucleic acid complementary to the nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO: 3, or fragments or derivatives thereof);

peptidomimetics; fusion proteins or prodrugs thereof; ribozymes; other small molecules; and

other agents that alter (e.g., inhibit or antagonize) expression of a member of the leukotriene pathway, such as LTA4H nucleic acid expression or polypeptide activity, or that regulate transcription of LTA4H splicing variants (e.g., agents that affect which splicing variants are expressed, or that affect the amount of each splicing variant that is expressed).

More than one leukotriene synthesis inhibitor can be used concurrently, if desired.

The therapy is designed to alter activity of an LTA4H polypeptide, or another member of the leukotriene pathway in an individual, such as by inhibiting or

antagonizing activity. For example, a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor can be administered in order to decrease synthesis of leukotrienes within the individual, or to downregulate or decrease the expression or availability of the LTA4H nucleic acid or specific splicing variants of the LTA4H nucleic acid. Downregulation or decreasing expression or availability of a native LTA4H nucleic acid or of a particular splicing variant could minimize the expression or activity of a defective nucleic acid or the particular splicing variant and thereby minimize the impact of the defective nucleic acid or the particular splicing variant.

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The leukotriene synthesis inhibitor(s) are administered in a therapeutically effective amount (*i.e.*, an amount that is sufficient to treat the disease or condition, such as by ameliorating symptoms associated with the disease or condition, preventing or delaying the onset of the disease or condition, and/or also lessening the severity or frequency of symptoms of the disease or condition). The amount which will be therapeutically effective in the treatment of a particular individual's disease or condition will depend on the symptoms and severity of the disease, and can be determined by standard clinical techniques. In addition, *in vitro* or *in vivo* assays may optionally be employed to help identify optimal dosage ranges. The precise dose to be employed in the formulation will also depend on the route of administration, and the seriousness of the disease or disorder, and should be decided according to the judgment of a practitioner and each patient's circumstances. Effective doses may be extrapolated from dose-response curves derived from *in vitro* or animal model test systems.

In preferred embodiments of the invention, the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor agent is an agent that inhibits activity of LTA4H. Preferred agents include the following, as set forth in the Agent Table or in the Additional LTA4H Agent List:

AGENT TABLE

Target	Compound ID	Chemical Name	Patent / Reference
LTA4H Inhibitor	SC-57461A	3-[methyl[3-[4- (phenylmethyl)phenoxy]- propyl]amino]propionic acid	Penning, T.D. et.al. Bioorg Med. Chem. Letters (2003), 13, 1137-1139.
LTA4H Inhibitor	SC-56938	Ethyl-1-[2-[4- (phenylmethyl)phenoxy]eth yl]-4-piperidine-carboxylate	ibid, (2002), 12, 3383-3386 Penning, T.D. et.al. Bioorg Med. Chem. Letters (2003), 13, 1137-1139; ibid, (2002), 12, 3383-3386.
LTA4H Inhibitor	RP 64966	[4-[5-(3-Phenyl-propyl)thiophen-2-yl]butoxy]acetic acid	US6506876A1 WO9627585
LTA4H Inhibitor	SA 6541	(R)-S-[[4- (dimethylamino)phenyl]met hyl]-N-(3-mercapto- 2methyl-1-oxopropyl-L- cycteine	WO9809943
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	Amelubant / BIIL-284	Carbamic acid,((4-((3-((4-(1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylethyl)phenoxy)methyl)phenyl)methoxy)phenyl)iminomethyl-ethyl ester	US 6,576,669
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	BIRZ-227	5-Chloro-2-[3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-benzooxazole	Journal of Organic Chemistry 1998,63:2(326-330).
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	CP 195543	2-[(3S,4R)-3,4-dihydro-4-hydroxy-3-(phenylmethyl)-2H-1-benzopyran-7 -yl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid	Process: WO 98/11085 1998, priority US 60/26372 1996; J. Pharamacology and Expert. Therapy, 1998, 285: 946-54
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	Ebselen	2-Phenyl- benzo[d]isoselenazol-3-one	Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism 1995, July 2-6 (S162); Drugs of the Future 1995, 20:10 (1057)
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	LTB 019; CGS-25019C	4-[5-(4-Carbamimidoyl- phenoxy)-pentyloxy]-N,N- diisopropyl-3-methoxy- benzamide maleate	ACS Meeting 1994, 207th:San Diego (MEDI 003); International Congress of the Inflammation Research Association 1994, 7th:White Haven (Abs W23)
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	LY 210073	5-(2-Carboxy-ethyl)-6-[6- (4-methoxy-phenyl)-hex-5- enyloxy]-9-oxo-9H- xanthene-2-carboxylic acid	J Med Chem 1993 36 (12) 1726-1734
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	LY 213024	5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2- (decyloxy)benzenepropanoi c acid	J Med Chem 1993 36 (12) 1726-1734

LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	LY 255283	1-[5-ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-[[6-methyl-6-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyl]oxy]phenyl]ethanone	EP 276064 B 1990, priority US 2479 1987
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	LY 264086	7-carboxy-3-(decyloxy)-9- oxo-9H-xanthene-4- propanoic acid	US 4996230 1991, priority US 481413 1990
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	LY 292728	7-carboxy-3-[3-[(5-ethyl-4'-fluoro-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ox y]propoxy]-9-oxo-9H- xanthene-4-propanoic acid disodium salt	EP 743064 A 1996, priority US 443179 1995
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	LY-293111 (VML-295)	Benzoic acid,2-(3-((5-ethyl-4'-fluoro-2-hydroxy(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)oxy)propoxy)-2-propylphenoxy)-	Proceedings of the American Society for Clinical Oncology 2002, 21:1 (Abs 343) [LY- 293111 for Cancer] SCRIP World Pharmaceutical News 1997, 2272 (13) [for VML-295]
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	ONO 4057; LB 457	(E)-2-(4-carboxybutoxy)-6- [[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5- hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropan oic acid	EP 405116 A 1991
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	PF 10042	1-[5-hydroxy-5-[8-(1- hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-2- dibenzofuranyl]-1-oxo pentyl]pyrrolidine	EP 422329 B 1995, priority US 409630 1989
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	RG-14893	8-Benzyloxy-4-[(methyl- phenethyl-carbamoyl)- methyl]-naphthalene-2- carboxylic acid	SCRIP World Pharmaceutical News 1996, 2168 (20)
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	SB-201993	3-{6-(2-Carboxy-vinyl)-5- [8-(4-methoxy-phenyl)- octyloxy]-pyridin-2- ylmethylsulfanylmethyl}- benzoic acid	WO-09500487
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	SC-52798	7-[3-(2-Cyclopropylmethyl- 3-methoxy-4-thiazol-4-yl- phenoxy)-propoxy]-8- propyl-chroman-2- carboxylic acid	Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters 1994, 4:6 (811-816); Journal of Medicinal Chemistry 1995, 38:6 (858-868)
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	SC-53228	3-{7-[3-(2- Cyclopropylmethyl-3- methoxy-4- methylcarbamoyl-phenoxy)- propoxy]-8-propyl- chroman-2-yl}-propionic acid	International Congress of the Inflammation Research Association 1994, 7th: White Haven (Abs W5)
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	WAY 121006	3-fluoro-4'-(2- quinolinylmethoxy)-[1,1'- biphenyl]-4-acetic acid	Drugs under Experimental and Clinical research 1991, 17:8 (381-387)
LTB4 Receptor Antagonist	ZD-2138	3-Amino-3-(4-methoxy- tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)- acrylic acid 1-methyl-2-oxo- 1,2-dihydro-quinolin-6- ylmethyl ester	International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry 1994, 13th:Paris (P 197)

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In addition the following LTA4H inhibitors are described in USP2003/0004101A1, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety:

ADDITIONAL LTA4H AGENT LIST

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- 1. 1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-2-methyl-4-tetrazolylpieridine
- 2. 1-[2-[4-(4-oxazolyl)phenoxy)phenoxy]ethyl]pyrrolidine
- 3. 3-[methyl[3-[4-(2-thienylmethyl)phenoxy]propyl]amino]propionic acid
- 4. methyl 3-[methyl[3-[4-(2-thienylmethyl)phenoxy]propyl]amino]propionate
- 5. 3-[methyl[3-[4-(3-thienylmethyl)phenoxy]propyl]amino]propionic acid
- 6. methyl-3-[methyl[3-4-(3-theinylmethyl)phenoxy]propyl]amino]propionate
- 7. 3-[methyl[3-[4-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenoxy]propyl]amino]propionic acid
- 8. 3-[methyl[3-[4-(4-biphenyloxy)phenoxy]propyl]amino]propionic acid
- 9. N-[3-[[3-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy] propyl]methylamino]propionyl]benzenesulfonamide
- 10. 1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-2-methyl-4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)piperidine
- 11. 1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)piperidine

30 NUCLEIC ACID THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

In another embodiment, a nucleic acid of the invention; a nucleic acid complementary to a nucleic acid of the invention; or a portion of such a nucleic acid (e.g., an oligonucleotide as described below); or a nucleic acid encoding a member of the leukotriene pathway (e.g., LTA4H), can be used in "antisense" therapy, in which a nucleic acid (e.g., an oligonucleotide) which specifically hybridizes to the mRNA and/or genomic DNA of a nucleic acid is administered or generated in situ. The antisense nucleic acid that specifically hybridizes to the mRNA and/or DNA inhibits

expression of the polypeptide encoded by that mRNA and/or DNA, e.g., by inhibiting translation and/or transcription. Binding of the antisense nucleic acid can be by conventional base pair complementarity, or, for example, in the case of binding to DNA duplexes, through specific interaction in the major groove of the double helix.

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An antisense construct can be delivered, for example, as an expression plasmid as described above. When the plasmid is transcribed in the cell, it produces RNA that is complementary to a portion of the mRNA and/or DNA that encodes the polypeptide for the member of the leukotriene pathway (e.g., LTA4H). Alternatively, the antisense construct can be an oligonucleotide probe that is generated ex vivo and introduced into cells; it then inhibits expression by hybridizing with the mRNA and/or genomic DNA of the polypeptide. In one embodiment, the oligonucleotide probes are modified oligonucleotides that are resistant to endogenous nucleases, e.g., exonucleases and/or endonucleases, thereby rendering them stable in vivo. Exemplary nucleic acid molecules for use as antisense oligonucleotides are phosphoramidate, phosphothioate and methylphosphonate analogs of DNA (see also U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,176,996, 5,264,564 and 5,256,775). Additionally, general approaches to constructing oligomers useful in antisense therapy are also described, for example, by Van der Krol et al. (Biotechniques 6:958-976 (1988)); and Stein et al. (Cancer Res. 48:2659-2668 (1988)). With respect to antisense DNA, oligodeoxyribonucleotides derived from the translation initiation site are preferred.

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To perform antisense therapy, oligonucleotides (mRNA, cDNA or DNA) are designed that are complementary to mRNA encoding the polypeptide. The antisense oligonucleotides bind to mRNA transcripts and prevent translation. Absolute complementarity, although preferred, is not required. A sequence "complementary" to a portion of an RNA, as referred to herein, indicates that a sequence has sufficient complementarity to be able to hybridize with the RNA, forming a stable duplex; in the case of double-stranded antisense nucleic acids, a single strand of the duplex DNA may thus be tested, or triplex formation may be assayed. The ability to hybridize will depend on both the degree of complementarity and the length of the antisense nucleic acid, as described in detail above. Generally, the longer the hybridizing nucleic acid,

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the more base mismatches with an RNA it may contain and still form a stable duplex (or triplex, as the case may be). One skilled in the art can ascertain a tolerable degree of mismatch by use of standard procedures.

The oligonucleotides used in antisense therapy can be DNA, RNA, or chimeric mixtures or derivatives or modified versions thereof, single-stranded or double-stranded. The oligonucleotides can be modified at the base moiety, sugar moiety, or phosphate backbone, for example, to improve stability of the molecule, hybridization, etc. The oligonucleotides can include other appended groups such as peptides (e.g. for targeting host cell receptors *in vivo*), or agents facilitating transport across the cell membrane (see, e.g., Letsinger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:6553-6556 (1989); Lemaitre et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 84:648-652 (1987); PCT International Publication No. WO 88/09810) or the blood-brain barrier (see, e.g., PCT International Publication No. WO 89/10134), or hybridization-triggered cleavage agents (see, e.g., Krol et al., BioTechniques 6:958-976 (1988)) or intercalating agents. (See, e.g., Zon, Pharm.Res. 5: 539-549 (1988)). To this end, the oligonucleotide may be conjugated to another molecule (e.g., a peptide, hybridization triggered crosslinking agent, transport agent, hybridization-triggered cleavage agent).

The antisense molecules are delivered to cells that express the member of the leukotriene pathway *in vivo*. A number of methods can be used for delivering antisense DNA or RNA to cells; *e.g.*, antisense molecules can be injected directly into the tissue site, or modified antisense molecules, designed to target the desired cells (*e.g.*, antisense linked to peptides or antibodies that specifically bind receptors or antigens expressed on the target cell surface) can be administered systematically. Alternatively, in a preferred embodiment, a recombinant DNA construct is utilized in which the antisense oligonucleotide is placed under the control of a strong promoter (*e.g.*, pol III or pol II). The use of such a construct to transfect target cells in the patient results in the transcription of sufficient amounts of single stranded RNAs that will form complementary base pairs with the endogenous transcripts and thereby prevent translation of the mRNA. For example, a vector can be introduced *in vivo* such that it is taken up by a cell and directs the transcription of an antisense RNA.

Such a vector can remain episomal or become chromosomally integrated, as long as it can be transcribed to produce the desired antisense RNA. Such vectors can be constructed by recombinant DNA technology methods standard in the art and described above. For example, a plasmid, cosmid, YAC or viral vector can be used to prepare the recombinant DNA construct that can be introduced directly into the tissue site. Alternatively, viral vectors can be used which selectively infect the desired tissue, in which case administration may be accomplished by another route (e.g., systemically).

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In another embodiment of the invention, small double-stranded interfering RNA (RNA interference (RNAi)) can be used. RNAi is a post-transcription process, in which double-stranded RNA is introduced, and sequence-specific gene silencing results, though catalytic degradation of the targeted mRNA. See, *e.g.*, Elbashir, S.M. *et al.*, *Nature 411*:494-498 (2001); Lee, N.S., *Nature Biotech. 19*:500-505 (2002); Lee, S-K. *et al.*, *Nature Medicine 8(7):681-686* (2002); the entire teachings of these references are incorporated herein by reference.

Endogenous expression of a member of the leukotriene pathway (e.g., LTA4H) can also be reduced by inactivating or "knocking out" the gene or its promoter using targeted homologous recombination (e.g., see Smithies et al., Nature 317:230-234 (1985); Thomas & Capecchi, Cell 51:503-512 (1987); Thompson et al., Cell 5:313-321 (1989)). For example, an altered, non-functional gene of a member of the leukotriene pathway (or a completely unrelated DNA sequence) flanked by DNA homologous to the endogenous gene (either the coding regions or regulatory regions of the gene) can be used, with or without a selectable marker and/or a negative selectable marker, to transfect cells that express the gene in vivo. Insertion of the DNA construct, via targeted homologous recombination, results in inactivation of the gene. The recombinant DNA constructs can be directly administered or targeted to the required site in vivo using appropriate vectors, as described above. Alternatively, expression of non-altered genes can be increased using a similar method: targeted homologous recombination can be used to insert a DNA construct comprising a non-altered functional gene, or the complement thereof, or a portion thereof, in place of an

gene in the cell, as described above. In another embodiment, targeted homologous recombination can be used to insert a DNA construct comprising a nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide variant that differs from that present in the cell.

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Alternatively, endogenous expression of a member of the leukotriene pathway can be reduced by targeting deoxyribonucleotide sequences complementary to the regulatory region of the member of the leukotriene pathway (i.e., the promoter and/or enhancers) to form triple helical structures that prevent transcription of the gene in target cells in the body. (See generally, Helene, C., Anticancer Drug Des., 6(6):569-84 (1991); Helene, C. et al., Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 660:27-36 (1992); and Maher, L. J., Bioassays 14(12):807-15 (1992)). Likewise, the antisense constructs described herein, by antagonizing the normal biological activity of one of the members of the leukotriene pathway, can be used in the manipulation of tissue, e.g., tissue differentiation, both in vivo and for ex vivo tissue cultures. Furthermore, the antisense techniques (e.g., microinjection of antisense molecules, or transfection with plasmids whose transcripts are anti-sense with regard to a nucleic acid RNA or nucleic acid sequence) can be used to investigate the role of one or more members of the leukotriene pathway in the development of disease-related conditions. Such techniques can be utilized in cell culture, but can also be used in the creation of transgenic animals.

The therapeutic agents as described herein can be delivered in a composition, as described above, or by themselves. They can be administered systemically, or can be targeted to a particular tissue. The therapeutic agents can be produced by a variety of means, including chemical synthesis; recombinant production; *in vivo* production (e.g., a transgenic animal, such as U.S. Pat. No. 4,873,316 to Meade et al.), for example, and can be isolated using standard means such as those described herein. In addition, a combination of any of the above methods of treatment (e.g., administration of non-altered polypeptide in conjunction with antisense therapy targeting altered mRNA for a member of the leukotriene pathway; administration of a first splicing variant in conjunction with antisense therapy targeting a second splicing variant) can also be used.

The invention additionally pertains to use of such therapeutic agents, as described herein, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of MI, ACS, and/or atherosclerosis, e.g., using the methods described herein.

MONITORING PROGRESS OF TREATMENT

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The current invention also pertains to methods of monitoring the response of an individual, such as an individual in one of the target populations described above, to treatment with a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor. Because the level of inflammatory markers can be elevated in individuals who are in the target populations described above, an assessment of the level of inflammatory markers of the individual both before, and during, treatment with the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor will indicate whether the treatment has successfully decreased production of leukotrienes in the arterial vessel wall or in bone-marrow derived inflammatory cells.

For example, in one embodiment of the invention, an individual who is a member of a target population of individuals at risk for MI or ACS (e.g., an individual in a target population described above, such as an individual at-risk due to an LTA4H MI-haplotype) can be assessed for response to treatment with a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor, by examining leukotriene levels in the individual. Serum, plasma or urinary leukotrienes (e.g., LTB4, LTE4, LTC4, LTD4), or ex vivo production of leukotrienes (e.g., in blood samples stimulated with a calcium ionophore to produce leukotrienes) can be measured before, and during or after treatment with the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor. The leukotriene level before treatment is compared with the leukotriene level during or after treatment. The efficacy of treatment is indicated by a decrease in leukotriene production: a level of leukotriene during or after treatment that is significantly lower than the level of leukotriene before treatment, is indicative of efficacy. A level that is lower during or after treatment can be shown, for example, by decreased serum or urinary leukotrienes, or decreased ex vivo production of leukotrienes. A level that is "significantly lower", as used herein, is a level that is less than the amount that is typically found in control individual(s), or is less in a comparison of disease risk in a population associated with the other bands of

measurement (e.g., the mean or median, the highest quartile or the highest quintile) compared to lower bands of measurement (e.g., the mean or median, the other quartiles; the other quintiles).

In another embodiment of the invention, an individual who is a member of a target population of individuals at risk for MI or ACS (e.g., an individual in a target population described above, such as an individual at-risk due to elevated C-reactive protein) can be assessed for response to treatment with a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor, by examining levels of inflammatory markers in the individual. For example, levels of an inflammatory marker in an appropriate test sample (e.g., serum, plasma or urine) can be measured before, and during or after treatment with the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor. The level of the inflammatory marker before treatment is compared with the level of the inflammatory marker during or after treatment. The efficacy of treatment is indicated by a decrease in the level of the inflammatory marker, that is, a level of the inflammatory marker during or after treatment that is significantly lower than the level of inflammatory marker before treatment is indicative of efficacy. Representative inflammatory markers include: Creactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, dityrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite (e.g., cysteinyl leukotrienes), interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, soluble vascular cell adhesion molecules (sVCAM), soluble intervascular adhesion molecules (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9. In a preferred embodiment, the marker is CRP.

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

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The present invention also pertains to pharmaceutical compositions comprising agents described herein, for example, an agent that is a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor as described herein. For instance, a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor can be formulated with a physiologically acceptable carrier or excipient to prepare a

pharmaceutical composition. The carrier and composition can be sterile. The formulation should suit the mode of administration.

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Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include but are not limited to water, salt solutions (e.g., NaCl), saline, buffered saline, alcohols, glycerol, ethanol, gum arabic, vegetable oils, benzyl alcohols, polyethylene glycols, gelatin, carbohydrates such as lactose, amylose or starch, dextrose, magnesium stearate, talc, silicic acid, viscous paraffin, perfume oil, fatty acid esters, hydroxymethylcellulose, polyvinyl pyrolidone, etc., as well as combinations thereof. The pharmaceutical preparations can, if desired, be mixed with auxiliary agents, e.g., lubricants, preservatives, stabilizers, wetting agents, emulsifiers, salts for influencing osmotic pressure, buffers, coloring, flavoring and/or aromatic substances and the like which do not deleteriously react with the active agents.

The composition, if desired, can also contain minor amounts of wetting or emulsifying agents, or pH buffering agents. The composition can be a liquid solution, suspension, emulsion, tablet, pill, capsule, sustained release formulation, or powder. The composition can be formulated as a suppository, with traditional binders and carriers such as triglycerides. Oral formulation can include standard carriers such as pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, polyvinyl pyrollidone, sodium saccharine, cellulose, magnesium carbonate, etc.

Methods of introduction of these compositions include, but are not limited to, intradermal, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intraocular, intravenous, subcutaneous, topical, oral and intranasal. Other suitable methods of introduction can also include gene therapy (as described below), rechargeable or biodegradable devices, particle acceleration devices ("gene guns") and slow release polymeric devices. The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention can also be administered as part of a combinatorial therapy with other agents.

The composition can be formulated in accordance with the routine procedures as a pharmaceutical composition adapted for administration to human beings. For example, compositions for intravenous administration typically are solutions in sterile isotonic aqueous buffer. Where necessary, the composition may also include a

solubilizing agent and a local anesthetic to ease pain at the site of the injection. Generally, the ingredients are supplied either separately or mixed together in unit dosage form, for example, as a dry lyophilized powder or water free concentrate in a hermetically sealed container such as an ampule or sachette indicating the quantity of active agent. Where the composition is to be administered by infusion, it can be dispensed with an infusion bottle containing sterile pharmaceutical grade water, saline or dextrose/water. Where the composition is administered by injection, an ampule of sterile water for injection or saline can be provided so that the ingredients may be mixed prior to administration.

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For topical application, nonsprayable forms, viscous to semi-solid or solid forms comprising a carrier compatible with topical application and having a dynamic viscosity preferably greater than water, can be employed. Suitable formulations include but are not limited to solutions, suspensions, emulsions, creams, ointments, powders, enemas, lotions, sols, liniments, salves, aerosols, etc., which are, if desired, sterilized or mixed with auxiliary agents, *e.g.*, preservatives, stabilizers, wetting agents, buffers or salts for influencing osmotic pressure, etc. The agent may be incorporated into a cosmetic formulation. For topical application, also suitable are sprayable aerosol preparations wherein the active ingredient, preferably in combination with a solid or liquid inert carrier material, is packaged in a squeeze bottle or in admixture with a pressurized volatile, normally gaseous propellant, *e.g.*, pressurized air.

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Agents described herein can be formulated as neutral or salt forms. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts include those formed with free amino groups such as those derived from hydrochloric, phosphoric, acetic, oxalic, tartaric acids, etc., and those formed with free carboxyl groups such as those derived from sodium, potassium, ammonium, calcium, ferric hydroxides, isopropylamine, triethylamine, 2-ethylamino ethanol, histidine, procaine, etc.

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The agents are administered in a therapeutically effective amount. The amount of agents which will be therapeutically effective in the treatment of a particular disorder or condition will depend on the nature of the disorder or condition,

and can be determined by standard clinical techniques. In addition, *in vitro* or *in vivo* assays may optionally be employed to help identify optimal dosage ranges. The precise dose to be employed in the formulation will also depend on the route of administration, and the seriousness of the symptoms, and should be decided according to the judgment of a practitioner and each patient's circumstances. Effective doses may be extrapolated from dose-response curves derived from *in vitro* or animal model test systems.

The invention also provides a pharmaceutical pack or kit comprising one or more containers filled with one or more of the ingredients of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention. Optionally associated with such container(s) can be a notice in the form prescribed by a governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use or sale of pharmaceuticals or biological products, which notice reflects approval by the agency of manufacture, use of sale for human administration. The pack or kit can be labeled with information regarding mode of administration, sequence of drug administration (e.g., separately, sequentially or concurrently), or the like. The pack or kit may also include means for reminding the patient to take the therapy. The pack or kit can be a single unit dosage of the combination therapy or it can be a plurality of unit dosages. In particular, the agents can be separated, mixed together in any combination, present in a single vial or tablet. Agents assembled in a blister pack or other dispensing means is preferred. For the purpose of this invention, unit dosage is intended to mean a dosage that is dependent on the individual pharmacodynamics of each agent and administered in FDA approved dosages in standard time courses.

NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE INVENTION

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LTA4H Nucleic Acids, Portions and Variants

In addition, the invention pertains to isolated nucleic acid molecules comprising a human LTA4H nucleic acid. The term, "LTA4H nucleic acid," as used herein, refers to an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding LTA4H polypeptide. The LTA4H nucleic acid molecules of the present invention can be RNA, for example,

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mRNA, or DNA, such as cDNA and genomic DNA. DNA molecules can be double-stranded or single-stranded; single stranded RNA or DNA can be either the coding, or sense strand or the non-coding, or antisense strand. The nucleic acid molecule can include all or a portion of the coding sequence of the gene or nucleic acid and can further comprise additional non-coding sequences such as introns and non-coding 3' and 5' sequences (including regulatory sequences, for example, as well as promoters, transcription enhancement elements, splice donor/acceptor sites, etc.).

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For example, an LTA4H nucleic acid can consist of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 or the complement thereof, or to a portion or fragment of such an isolated nucleic acid molecule (e.g., cDNA or the nucleic acid) that encodes LTA4H polypeptide (e.g., a polypeptide such as SEQ ID NO: 3). In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of SEO ID NOs: 1 or 2, or their complement thereof.

Additionally, the nucleic acid molecules of the invention can be fused to a marker sequence, for example, a sequence that encodes a polypeptide to assist in isolation or purification of the polypeptide. Such sequences include, but are not limited to, those that encode a glutathione-S-transferase (GST) fusion protein and those that encode a hemagglutinin A (HA) polypeptide marker from influenza.

An "isolated" nucleic acid molecule, as used herein, is one that is separated from nucleic acids that normally flank the gene or nucleic acid sequence (as in genomic sequences) and/or has been completely or partially purified from other transcribed sequences (e.g., as in an RNA library). For example, an isolated nucleic acid of the invention may be substantially isolated with respect to the complex cellular milieu in which it naturally occurs, or culture medium when produced by recombinant techniques, or chemical precursors or other chemicals when chemically synthesized. In some instances, the isolated material will form part of a composition (for example, a crude extract containing other substances), buffer system or reagent mix. In other circumstances, the material may be purified to essential homogeneity, for example as determined by PAGE or column chromatography such as HPLC. In certain embodiments, an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises at least about 50,

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80 or 90% (on a molar basis) of all macromolecular species present. With regard to genomic DNA, the term "isolated" also can refer to nucleic acid molecules that are separated from the chromosome with which the genomic DNA is naturally associated. For example, the isolated nucleic acid molecule can contain less than about 5 kb, including but not limited to 4 kb, 3 kb, 2 kb, 1 kb, 0.5 kb or 0.1 kb of nucleotides which flank the nucleic acid molecule in the genomic DNA of the cell from which the nucleic acid molecule is derived.

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The nucleic acid molecule can be fused to other coding or regulatory sequences and still be considered isolated. Thus, recombinant DNA contained in a vector is included in the definition of "isolated" as used herein. Also, isolated nucleic acid molecules include recombinant DNA molecules in heterologous host cells, as well as partially or substantially purified DNA molecules in solution. "Isolated" nucleic acid molecules also encompass in vivo and in vitro RNA transcripts of the DNA molecules of the present invention. An isolated nucleic acid molecule or nucleic acid sequence can include a nucleic acid molecule or nucleic acid sequence that is synthesized chemically or by recombinant means. Therefore, recombinant DNA contained in a vector is included in the definition of "isolated" as used herein. Also, isolated nucleotide sequences include recombinant DNA molecules in heterologous organisms, as well as partially or substantially purified DNA molecules in solution. In vivo and in vitro RNA transcripts of the DNA molecules of the present invention are also encompassed by "isolated" nucleotide sequences. Such isolated nucleotide sequences are useful in the manufacture of the encoded polypeptide, as probes for isolating homologous sequences (e.g., from other mammalian species), for gene mapping (e.g., by in situ hybridization with chromosomes), or for detecting expression of the nucleic acid in tissue (e.g., human tissue), such as by Northern blot analysis.

The present invention also pertains to nucleic acid molecules which are not necessarily found in nature but which encode an LTA4H polypeptide (e.g., a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3), or another splicing variant of an LTA4H polypeptide or

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polymorphic variant thereof. Thus, for example, DNA molecules that comprise a sequence that is different from the naturally occurring nucleic acid sequence but which, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, encode an LTA4H polypeptide of the present invention are also the subjects of this invention. The invention also encompasses nucleotide sequences encoding portions (fragments), or encoding variant polypeptides such as analogues or derivatives of an LTA4H polypeptide. Such variants can be naturally occurring, such as in the case of allelic variation or single nucleotide polymorphisms, or non-naturally-occurring, such as those induced by various mutagens and mutagenic processes. Intended variations include, but are not limited to, addition, deletion and substitution of one or more nucleotides that can result in conservative or non-conservative amino acid changes, including additions and deletions. Preferably the nucleotide (and/or resultant amino acid) changes are silent or conserved; that is, they do not alter the characteristics or activity of an LTA4H polypeptide. In one preferred embodiment, the nucleotide sequences are fragments that comprise one or more polymorphic microsatellite markers. In another preferred embodiment, the nucleotide sequences are fragments that comprise one or more single nucleotide polymorphisms in an LTA4H nucleic acid (e.g., the single nucleotide polymorphisms set forth in Table 3, below).

Other alterations of the nucleic acid molecules of the invention can include, for example, labeling, methylation, internucleotide modifications such as uncharged linkages (e.g., methyl phosphonates, phosphotriesters, phosphoamidates, carbamates), charged linkages (e.g., phosphorothioates, phosphorodithioates), pendent moieties (e.g., polypeptides), intercalators (e.g., acridine, psoralen), chelators, alkylators, and modified linkages (e.g., alpha anomeric nucleic acids). Also included are synthetic molecules that mimic nucleic acid molecules in the ability to bind to a designated sequence via hydrogen bonding and other chemical interactions. Such molecules include, for example, those in which peptide linkages substitute for phosphate linkages in the backbone of the molecule.

The invention also pertains to nucleic acid molecules that hybridize under high stringency hybridization conditions, such as for selective hybridization, to a nucleic

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acid sequence described herein (*e.g.*, nucleic acid molecules which specifically hybridize to a nucleic acid sequence encoding polypeptides described herein, and, optionally, have an activity of the polypeptide). In one embodiment, the invention includes variants described herein which hybridize under high stringency hybridization conditions (*e.g.*, for selective hybridization) to a nucleic acid sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 or the complement thereof. In another embodiment, the invention includes variants described herein which hybridize under high stringency hybridization conditions (*e.g.*, for selective hybridization) to a nucleic acid sequence encoding an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 or a polymorphic variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, the variant that hybridizes under high stringency hybridizations has an activity of LTA4H.

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Such nucleic acid molecules can be detected and/or isolated by specific hybridization (e.g., under high stringency conditions). "Specific hybridization," as used herein, refers to the ability of a first nucleic acid to hybridize to a second nucleic acid in a manner such that the first nucleic acid does not hybridize to any nucleic acid other than to the second nucleic acid (e.g., when the first nucleic acid has a higher similarity to the second nucleic acid than to any other nucleic acid in a sample wherein the hybridization is to be performed). "Stringency conditions" for hybridization is a term of art which refers to the incubation and wash conditions, e.g., conditions of temperature and buffer concentration, which permit hybridization of a particular nucleic acid to a second nucleic acid; the first nucleic acid may be perfectly (i.e., 100%) complementary to the second, or the first and second may share some degree of complementarity that is less than perfect (e.g., 70%, 75%, 85%, 95%). For example, certain high stringency conditions can be used which distinguish perfectly complementary nucleic acids from those of less complementarity. "High stringency conditions", "moderate stringency conditions" and "low stringency conditions" for nucleic acid hybridizations are explained on pages 2.10.1-2.10.16 and pages 6.3.1-6.3.6 in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology (Ausubel, F.M. et al., "Current Protocols in Molecular Biology", John Wiley & Sons, (1998), the entire teachings of

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which are incorporated by reference herein). The exact conditions which determine the stringency of hybridization depend not only on ionic strength (e.g., 0.2X SSC, 0.1X SSC), temperature (e.g., room temperature, 42°C, 68°C) and the concentration of destabilizing agents such as formamide or denaturing agents such as SDS, but also on factors such as the length of the nucleic acid sequence, base composition, percent mismatch between hybridizing sequences and the frequency of occurrence of subsets of that sequence within other non-identical sequences. Thus, equivalent conditions can be determined by varying one or more of these parameters while maintaining a similar degree of identity or similarity between the two nucleic acid molecules. Typically, conditions are used such that sequences at least about 60%, at least about 70%, at least about 80%, at least about 90% or at least about 95% or more identical to each other remain hybridized to one another. By varying hybridization conditions from a level of stringency at which no hybridization occurs to a level at which hybridization is first observed, conditions which will allow a given sequence to hybridize (e.g., selectively) with the most similar sequences in the sample can be determined.

Exemplary conditions are described in Krause, M.H. and S.A. Aaronson, *Methods in Enzymology* 200: 546-556 (1991), and in, Ausubel, *et al.*, "Current Protocols in Molecular Biology", John Wiley & Sons, (1998), which describes the determination of washing conditions for moderate or low stringency conditions. Washing is the step in which conditions are usually set so as to determine a minimum level of complementarity of the hybrids. Generally, starting from the lowest temperature at which only homologous hybridization occurs, each °C by which the final wash temperature is reduced (holding SSC concentration constant) allows an increase by 1% in the maximum extent of mismatching among the sequences that hybridize. Generally, doubling the concentration of SSC results in an increase in T_m of -17°C. Using these guidelines, the washing temperature can be determined empirically for high, moderate or low stringency, depending on the level of mismatch sought.

For example, a low stringency wash can comprise washing in a solution containing 0.2X SSC/0.1% SDS for 10 minutes at room temperature; a moderate stringency wash can comprise washing in a prewarmed solution (42°C) solution containing 0.2X SSC/0.1% SDS for 15 minutes at 42°C; and a high stringency wash can comprise washing in prewarmed (68°C) solution containing 0.1X SSC/0.1%SDS for 15 minutes at 68°C. Furthermore, washes can be performed repeatedly or sequentially to obtain a desired result as known in the art. Equivalent conditions can be determined by varying one or more of the parameters given as an example, as known in the art, while maintaining a similar degree of identity or similarity between the target nucleic acid molecule and the primer or probe used.

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The percent homology or identity of two nucleotide or amino acid sequences can be determined by aligning the sequences for optimal comparison purposes (e.g., gaps can be introduced in the sequence of a first sequence for optimal alignment). The nucleotides or amino acids at corresponding positions are then compared, and the percent identity between the two sequences is a function of the number of identical positions shared by the sequences (i.e., % identity = # of identical positions/total # of positions x 100). When a position in one sequence is occupied by the same nucleotide or amino acid residue as the corresponding position in the other sequence, then the molecules are homologous at that position. As used herein, nucleic acid or amino acid "homology" is equivalent to nucleic acid or amino acid "identity". In certain embodiments, the length of a sequence aligned for comparison purposes is at least 30%, for example, at least 40%, in certain embodiments at least 60%, and in other embodiments at least 70%, 80%, 90% or 95% of the length of the reference sequence. The actual comparison of the two sequences can be accomplished by well-known methods, for example, using a mathematical algorithm. A preferred, non-limiting example of such a mathematical algorithm is described in Karlin et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 90:5873-5877 (1993). Such an algorithm is incorporated into the NBLAST and XBLAST programs (version 2.0) as described in Altschul et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 25:389-3402 (1997). When utilizing BLAST and Gapped BLAST programs, the default parameters of the respective programs (e.g., NBLAST) can be

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used. In one embodiment, parameters for sequence comparison can be set at score=100, wordlength=12, or can be varied (e.g., W=5 or W=20).

Another preferred, non-limiting example of a mathematical algorithm utilized for the comparison of sequences is the algorithm of Myers and Miller, *CABIOS* 4(1): 11-17 (1988). Such an algorithm is incorporated into the ALIGN program (version 2.0) which is part of the GCG sequence alignment software package (Accelrys, Cambridge, UK). When utilizing the ALIGN program for comparing amino acid sequences, a PAM120 weight residue table, a gap length penalty of 12, and a gap penalty of 4 can be used. Additional algorithms for sequence analysis are known in the art and include ADVANCE and ADAM as described in Torellis and Robotti, *Comput. Appl. Biosci.* 10:3-5 (1994); and FASTA described in Pearson and Lipman, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85:2444-8 (1988).

In another embodiment, the percent identity between two amino acid sequences can be accomplished using the GAP program in the GCG software package using either a BLOSUM63 matrix or a PAM250 matrix, and a gap weight of 12, 10, 8, 6, or 4 and a length weight of 2, 3, or 4. In yet another embodiment, the percent identity between two nucleic acid sequences can be accomplished using the GAP program in the GCG software package using a gap weight of 50 and a length weight of 3.

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The present invention also provides isolated nucleic acid molecules that contain a fragment or portion that hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to a nucleic acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2 or the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2, and also provides isolated nucleic acid molecules that contain a fragment or portion that hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to a nucleic acid sequence encoding an amino acid sequence of the invention or polymorphic variant thereof. The nucleic acid fragments of the invention are at least about 15, for example, at least about 18, 20, 23 or 25 nucleotides, and can be 30, 40, 50, 100, 200 or more nucleotides in length. Longer fragments, for example, 30 or more nucleotides in length, encoding antigenic polypeptides described herein are particularly useful, such as for the generation of antibodies as described below.

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Probes and Primers

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In a related aspect, the nucleic acid fragments of the invention are used as probes or primers in assays such as those described herein. "Probes" or "primers" are oligonucleotides that hybridize in a base-specific manner to a complementary strand of nucleic acid molecules. Such probes and primers include polypeptide nucleic acids, as described in Nielsen *et al.* (Science 254:1497-1500 (1991)).

A probe or primer comprises a region of nucleic acid that hybridizes to at least about 15, for example about 20-25, and in certain embodiments about 40, 50 or 75, consecutive nucleotides of a nucleic acid of the invention, such as a nucleic acid comprising a contiguous nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 or the complement of SEQ ID Nos: 1 or 2, or a nucleic acid sequence encoding an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 or polymorphic variant thereof. In preferred embodiments, a probe or primer comprises 100 or fewer nucleotides, in certain embodiments, from 6 to 50 nucleotides, for example, from 12 to 30 nucleotides. In other embodiments, the probe or primer is at least 70% identical to the contiguous nucleic acid sequence or to the complement of the contiguous nucleotide sequence, for example, at least 80% identical, in certain embodiments at least 90% identical, and in other embodiments at least 95% identical, or even capable of selectively hybridizing to the contiguous nucleic acid sequence or to the complement of the contiguous nucleotide sequence. Often, the probe or primer further comprises a label, e.g., radioisotope, fluorescent compound, enzyme, or enzyme co-factor.

The nucleic acid molecules of the invention such as those described above can be identified and isolated using standard molecular biology techniques and the sequence information provided herein. For example, nucleic acid molecules can be amplified and isolated using the polymerase chain reaction and synthetic oligonucleotide primers based on one or more of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2, or the complement thereof, or designed based on nucleotides based on sequences encoding one or more of the amino acid sequences provided herein. See generally *PCR Technology: Principles and Applications for DNA Amplification* (ed. H.A. Erlich,

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Freeman Press, NY, NY, 1992); PCR Protocols: A Guide to Methods and Applications (Eds. Innis et al., Academic Press, San Diego, CA, 1990); Mattila et al., Nucl. Acids Res. 19:4967 (1991); Eckert et al., PCR Methods and Applications 1:17 (1991); PCR (eds. McPherson et al., IRL Press, Oxford); and U.S. Patent 4,683,202. The nucleic acid molecules can be amplified using cDNA, mRNA or genomic DNA as a template, cloned into an appropriate vector and characterized by DNA sequence analysis.

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Other suitable amplification methods include the ligase chain reaction (LCR) (see Wu and Wallace, *Genomics* 4:560 (1989), Landegren *et al.*, *Science* 241:1077 (1988), transcription amplification (Kwoh *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:1173 (1989)), and self-sustained sequence replication (Guatelli *et al.*, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:1874 (1990)) and nucleic acid based sequence amplification (NASBA). The latter two amplification methods involve isothermal reactions based on isothermal transcription, which produce both single stranded RNA (ssRNA) and double stranded DNA (dsDNA) as the amplification products in a ratio of about 30 or 100 to 1, respectively.

The amplified DNA can be labeled, for example, radiolabeled, and used as a probe for screening a cDNA library derived from human cells, mRNA in zap express, ZIPLOX or other suitable vector. Corresponding clones can be isolated, DNA can obtained following *in vivo* excision, and the cloned insert can be sequenced in either or both orientations by art recognized methods to identify the correct reading frame encoding a polypeptide of the appropriate molecular weight. For example, the direct analysis of the nucleic acid molecules of the present invention can be accomplished using well-known methods that are commercially available. See, for example, Sambrook *et al.*, *Molecular Cloning*, *A Laboratory Manual* (2nd Ed., CSHP, New York 1989); Zyskind *et al.*, *Recombinant DNA Laboratory Manual*, (Acad. Press, 1988)). Using these or similar methods, the polypeptide and the DNA encoding the polypeptide can be isolated, sequenced and further characterized.

Antisense nucleic acid molecules of the invention can be designed using the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 and/or the complement of one or more

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of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 and/or a portion of one or more of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 or the complement of one or more of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 and/or a sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 or encoding a portion of SEQ ID NO: 3 or its complement. They can be constructed using chemical synthesis and enzymatic ligation reactions using procedures known in the art. For example, an antisense nucleic acid molecule (e.g., an antisense oligonucleotide) can be chemically synthesized using naturally occurring nucleotides or variously modified nucleotides designed to increase the biological stability of the molecules or to increase the physical stability of the duplex formed between the antisense and sense nucleic acids, e.g., phosphorothioate derivatives and acridine substituted nucleotides can be used. Alternatively, the antisense nucleic acid molecule can be produced biologically using an expression vector into which a nucleic acid molecule has been subcloned in an antisense orientation (i.e., RNA transcribed from the inserted nucleic acid molecule will be of an antisense orientation to a target nucleic acid of interest).

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The nucleic acid sequences can also be used to compare with endogenous DNA sequences in patients to identify one or more of the disorders related to LTA4H, and as probes, such as to hybridize and discover related DNA sequences or to subtract out known sequences from a sample. The nucleic acid sequences can further be used to derive primers for genetic fingerprinting, to raise anti-polypeptide antibodies using DNA immunization techniques, and as an antigen to raise anti-DNA antibodies or elicit immune responses. Portions or fragments of the nucleotide sequences identified herein (and the corresponding complete gene sequences) can be used in numerous ways as polynucleotide reagents. For example, these sequences can be used to: (i) map their respective genes on a chromosome; and, thus, locate gene regions or nucleic acid regions associated with genetic disease; (ii) identify an individual from a minute biological sample (tissue typing); and (iii) aid in forensic identification of a biological sample. Additionally, the nucleotide sequences of the invention can be used to identify and express recombinant polypeptides for analysis, characterization or therapeutic use, or as markers for tissues in which the corresponding polypeptide is expressed, either constitutively, during tissue differentiation, or in diseased states.

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The nucleic acid sequences can additionally be used as reagents in the screening and/or diagnostic assays described herein, and can also be included as components of kits (e.g., reagent kits) for use in the screening and/or diagnostic assays described herein.

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Vectors

Another aspect of the invention pertains to nucleic acid constructs containing a nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 or the complement thereof (or a portion thereof). Yet another aspect of the invention pertains to nucleic acid constructs containing a nucleic acid molecule encoding an amino acid of SEQ ID NO: 3 or polymorphic variant thereof. The constructs comprise a vector (e.g., an expression vector) into which a sequence of the invention has been inserted in a sense or antisense orientation. As used herein, the term "vector" refers to a nucleic acid molecule capable of transporting another nucleic acid to which it has been linked. One type of vector is a "plasmid", which refers to a circular double stranded DNA loop into which additional DNA segments can be ligated. Another type of vector is a viral vector, wherein additional DNA segments can be ligated into the viral genome. Certain vectors are capable of autonomous replication in a host cell into which they are introduced (e.g., bacterial vectors having a bacterial origin of replication and episomal mammalian vectors). Other vectors (e.g., non-episomal mammalian vectors) are integrated into the genome of a host cell upon introduction into the host cell, and thereby are replicated along with the host genome. Moreover, certain vectors, such as expression vectors, are capable of directing the expression of genes or nucleic acids to which they are operably linked. In general, expression vectors of utility in recombinant DNA techniques are often in the form of plasmids. However, the invention is intended to include such other forms of expression vectors, such as viral vectors (e.g., replication defective retroviruses, adenoviruses and adenoassociated viruses) that serve equivalent functions.

Preferred recombinant expression vectors of the invention comprise a nucleic acid molecule of the invention in a form suitable for expression of the nucleic acid

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molecule in a host cell. This means that the recombinant expression vectors include one or more regulatory sequences, selected on the basis of the host cells to be used for expression, which is operably linked to the nucleic acid sequence to be expressed. Within a recombinant expression vector, "operably linked" or "operatively linked" is intended to mean that the nucleic acid sequence of interest is linked to the regulatory sequence(s) in a manner which allows for expression of the nucleic acid sequence (e.g., in an in vitro transcription/translation system or in a host cell when the vector is introduced into the host cell). The term "regulatory sequence" is intended to include promoters, enhancers and other expression control elements (e.g., polyadenylation signals). Such regulatory sequences are described, for example, in Goeddel, "Gene Expression Technology", Methods in Enzymology 185, Academic Press, San Diego, CA (1990). Regulatory sequences include those which direct constitutive expression of a nucleic acid sequence in many types of host cell and those which direct expression of the nucleic acid sequence only in certain host cells (e.g., tissue-specific regulatory sequences). It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the design of the expression vector can depend on such factors as the choice of the host cell to be transformed and the level of expression of polypeptide desired. The expression vectors of the invention can be introduced into host cells to thereby produce polypeptides, including fusion polypeptides, encoded by nucleic acid molecules as described herein.

The recombinant expression vectors of the invention can be designed for expression of a polypeptide of the invention in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells, e.g., bacterial cells such as E. coli, insect cells (using baculovirus expression vectors), yeast cells or mammalian cells. Suitable host cells are discussed further in Goeddel, supra. Alternatively, the recombinant expression vector can be transcribed and translated in vitro, for example using T7 promoter regulatory sequences and T7 polymerase.

Another aspect of the invention pertains to host cells into which a recombinant expression vector of the invention has been introduced. The terms "host cell" and "recombinant host cell" are used interchangeably herein. It is understood that such

terms refer not only to the particular subject cell but also to the progeny or potential progeny of such a cell. Because certain modifications may occur in succeeding generations due to either mutation or environmental influences, such progeny may not, in fact, be identical to the parent cell, but are still included within the scope of the term as used herein.

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A host cell can be any prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell. For example, a nucleic acid molecule of the invention can be expressed in bacterial cells (e.g., E. coli), insect cells, yeast or mammalian cells (such as Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO) or COS cells). Other suitable host cells are known to those skilled in the art.

Vector DNA can be introduced into prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells via conventional transformation or transfection techniques. As used herein, the terms "transformation" and "transfection" are intended to refer to a variety of art-recognized techniques for introducing a foreign nucleic acid molecule (e.g., DNA) into a host cell, including calcium phosphate or calcium chloride co-precipitation, DEAE-dextran-mediated transfection, lipofection, or electroporation. Suitable methods for transforming or transfecting host cells can be found in Sambrook, et al. (supra), and other laboratory manuals.

For stable transfection of mammalian cells, it is known that, depending upon the expression vector and transfection technique used, only a small fraction of cells may integrate the foreign DNA into their genome. In order to identify and select these integrants, a gene or nucleic acid that encodes a selectable marker (e.g., for resistance to antibiotics) is generally introduced into the host cells along with the gene or nucleic acid of interest. Preferred selectable markers include those that confer resistance to drugs, such as G418, hygromycin and methotrexate. Nucleic acid molecules encoding a selectable marker can be introduced into a host cell on the same vector as the nucleic acid molecule of the invention or can be introduced on a separate vector. Cells stably transfected with the introduced nucleic acid molecule can be identified by drug selection (e.g., cells that have incorporated the selectable marker gene or nucleic acid will survive, while the other cells die).

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A host cell of the invention, such as a prokaryotic host cell or eukaryotic host cell in culture can be used to produce (*i.e.*, express) a polypeptide of the invention. Accordingly, the invention further provides methods for producing a polypeptide using the host cells of the invention. In one embodiment, the method comprises culturing the host cell of invention (into which a recombinant expression vector encoding a polypeptide of the invention has been introduced) in a suitable medium such that the polypeptide is produced. In another embodiment, the method further comprises isolating the polypeptide from the medium or the host cell.

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The host cells of the invention can also be used to produce nonhuman transgenic animals. For example, in one embodiment, a host cell of the invention is a fertilized oocyte or an embryonic stem cell into which a nucleic acid molecule of the invention has been introduced (e.g., an exogenous LTA4H nucleic acid, or an exogenous nucleic acid encoding an LTA4H polypeptide). Such host cells can then be used to create non-human transgenic animals in which exogenous nucleotide sequences have been introduced into the genome or homologous recombinant animals in which endogenous nucleotide sequences have been altered. Such animals are useful for studying the function and/or activity of the nucleic acid sequence and polypeptide encoded by the sequence and for identifying and/or evaluating modulators of their activity. As used herein, a "transgenic animal" is a non-human animal, preferably a mammal, more preferably a rodent such as a rat or mouse, in which one or more of the cells of the animal include a transgene. Other examples of transgenic animals include non-human primates, sheep, dogs, cows, goats, chickens and amphibians. A transgene is exogenous DNA which is integrated into the genome of a cell from which a transgenic animal develops and which remains in the genome of the mature animal, thereby directing the expression of an encoded gene product in one or more cell types or tissues of the transgenic animal. As used herein, an "homologous recombinant animal" is a non-human animal, preferably a mammal, more preferably a mouse, in which an endogenous gene has been altered by homologous recombination between the endogenous gene and an exogenous DNA

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molecule introduced into a cell of the animal, e.g., an embryonic cell of the animal, prior to development of the animal.

Methods for generating transgenic animals via embryo manipulation and microinjection, particularly animals such as mice, have become conventional in the art and are described, for example, in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,736,866 and 4,870,009, U.S. Pat. No. 4,873,191 and in Hogan, *Manipulating the Mouse Embryo* (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., 1986). Methods for constructing homologous recombination vectors and homologous recombinant animals are described further in Bradley, *Current Opinion in BioTechnology* 2:823-829 (1991) and in PCT Publication Nos. WO 90/11354, WO 91/01140, WO 92/0968, and WO 93/04169. Clones of the non-human transgenic animals described herein can also be produced according to the methods described in Wilmut *et al.*, *Nature* 385:810-813 (1997) and PCT Publication Nos. WO 97/07668 and WO 97/07669.

POLYPEPTIDES OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention also pertains to isolated polypeptides encoded by LTA4H nucleic acids ("LTA4H polypeptides"), and fragments and variants thereof, as well as polypeptides encoded by nucleotide sequences described herein (e.g., other splicing variants). The term "polypeptide" refers to a polymer of amino acids, and not to a specific length; thus, peptides, oligopeptides and proteins are included within the definition of a polypeptide. As used herein, a polypeptide is said to be "isolated" or "purified" when it is substantially free of cellular material when it is isolated from recombinant and non-recombinant cells, or free of chemical precursors or other chemicals when it is chemically synthesized. A polypeptide, however, can be joined to another polypeptide with which it is not normally associated in a cell (e.g., in a "fusion protein") and still be "isolated" or "purified."

The polypeptides of the invention can be purified to homogeneity. It is understood, however, that preparations in which the polypeptide is not purified to homogeneity are useful. The critical feature is that the preparation allows for the desired function of the polypeptide, even in the presence of considerable amounts of

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other components. Thus, the invention encompasses various degrees of purity. In one embodiment, the language "substantially free of cellular material" includes preparations of the polypeptide having less than about 30% (by dry weight) other proteins (*i.e.*, contaminating protein), less than about 20% other proteins, less than about 10% other proteins, or less than about 5% other proteins.

When a polypeptide is recombinantly produced, it can also be substantially free of culture medium, *i.e.*, culture medium represents less than about 20%, less than about 10%, or less than about 5% of the volume of the polypeptide preparation. The language "substantially free of chemical precursors or other chemicals" includes preparations of the polypeptide in which it is separated from chemical precursors or other chemicals that are involved in its synthesis. In one embodiment, the language "substantially free of chemical precursors or other chemicals" includes preparations of the polypeptide having less than about 30% (by dry weight) chemical precursors or other chemicals, less than about 20% chemical precursors or other chemicals, less than about 10% chemical precursors or other chemicals, or less than about 5% chemical precursors or other chemicals.

In one embodiment, a polypeptide of the invention comprises an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2, or the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2, or portions thereof, or a portion or polymorphic variant thereof. However, the polypeptides of the invention also encompass fragment and sequence variants. Variants include a substantially homologous polypeptide encoded by the same genetic locus in an organism, *i.e.*, an allelic variant, as well as other splicing variants. Variants also encompass polypeptides derived from other genetic loci in an organism, but having substantial homology to a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 or their complement, or portions thereof, or having substantial homology to a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of nucleotide sequences encoding SEQ ID NO: 3 and polymorphic variants thereof. Variants also include polypeptides

substantially homologous or identical to these polypeptides but derived from another organism, *i.e.*, an ortholog. Variants also include polypeptides that are substantially homologous or identical to these polypeptides that are produced by chemical synthesis. Variants also include polypeptides that are substantially homologous or identical to these polypeptides that are produced by recombinant methods.

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As used herein, two polypeptides (or a region of the polypeptides) are substantially homologous or identical when the amino acid sequences are at least about 45-55%, in certain embodiments at least about 70-75%, and in other embodiments at least about 80-85%, and in others greater than about 90% or more homologous or identical. A substantially homologous amino acid sequence, according to the present invention, will be encoded by a nucleic acid molecule hybridizing to SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2 or portion thereof, under stringent conditions as more particularly described above, or will be encoded by a nucleic acid molecule hybridizing to a nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 3 or a portion thereof or polymorphic variant thereof, under stringent conditions as more particularly described thereof.

The invention also encompasses polypeptides having a lower degree of identity but having sufficient similarity so as to perform one or more of the same functions performed by a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule of the invention. Similarity is determined by conserved amino acid substitution. Such substitutions are those that substitute a given amino acid in a polypeptide by another amino acid of like characteristics. Conservative substitutions are likely to be phenotypically silent. Typically seen as conservative substitutions are the replacements, one for another, among the aliphatic amino acids Ala, Val, Leu and Ile; interchange of the hydroxyl residues Ser and Thr, exchange of the acidic residues Asp and Glu, substitution between the amide residues Asn and Gln, exchange of the basic residues Lys and Arg and replacements among the aromatic residues Phe and Tyr. Guidance concerning which amino acid changes are likely to be phenotypically silent are found in Bowie *et al.*, *Science* 247:1306-1310 (1990).

A variant polypeptide can differ in amino acid sequence by one or more substitutions, deletions, insertions, inversions, fusions, and truncations or a combination of any of these. Further, variant polypeptides can be fully functional or can lack function in one or more activities. Fully functional variants typically contain only conservative variation or variation in non-critical residues or in non-critical regions. Functional variants can also contain substitution of similar amino acids that result in no change or an insignificant change in function. Alternatively, such substitutions may positively or negatively affect function to some degree. Non-functional variants typically contain one or more non-conservative amino acid substitutions, deletions, insertions, inversions, or truncation or a substitution, insertion, inversion, or deletion in a critical residue or critical region.

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Amino acids that are essential for function can be identified by methods known in the art, such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (Cunningham et al., Science 244:1081-1085 (1989)). The latter procedure introduces single alanine mutations at every residue in the molecule. The resulting mutant molecules are then tested for biological activity in vitro, or in vitro proliferative activity. Sites that are critical for polypeptide activity can also be determined by structural analysis such as crystallization, nuclear magnetic resonance or photoaffinity labeling (Smith et al., J. Mol. Biol. 224:899-904 (1992); de Vos et al., Science 255:306-312 (1992)).

The invention also includes fragments of the polypeptides of the invention. Fragments can be derived from a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2, or the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2 (or other variants). However, the invention also encompasses fragments of the variants of the polypeptides described herein. As used herein, a fragment comprises at least 6 contiguous amino acids. Useful fragments include those that retain one or more of the biological activities of the polypeptide as well as fragments that can be used as an immunogen to generate polypeptide-specific antibodies.

Biologically active fragments (peptides which are, for example, 6, 9, 12, 15, 16, 20, 30, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 50, 100 or more amino acids in length) can comprise

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a domain, segment, or motif that has been identified by analysis of the polypeptide sequence using well-known methods, e.g., signal peptides, extracellular domains, one or more transmembrane segments or loops, ligand binding regions, zinc finger domains, DNA binding domains, acylation sites, glycosylation sites, or phosphorylation sites.

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Fragments can be discrete (not fused to other amino acids or polypeptides) or can be within a larger polypeptide. Further, several fragments can be comprised within a single larger polypeptide. In one embodiment a fragment designed for expression in a host can have heterologous pre- and pro-polypeptide regions fused to the amino terminus of the polypeptide fragment and an additional region fused to the carboxyl terminus of the fragment.

The invention thus provides chimeric or fusion polypeptides. These comprise a polypeptide of the invention operatively linked to a heterologous protein or polypeptide having an amino acid sequence not substantially homologous to the polypeptide. "Operatively linked" indicates that the polypeptide and the heterologous protein are fused in-frame. The heterologous protein can be fused to the N-terminus or C-terminus of the polypeptide. In one embodiment the fusion polypeptide does not affect function of the polypeptide per se. For example, the fusion polypeptide can be a GST-fusion polypeptide in which the polypeptide sequences are fused to the Cterminus of the GST sequences. Other types of fusion polypeptides include, but are not limited to, enzymatic fusion polypeptides, for example beta-galactosidase fusions, yeast two-hybrid GAL fusions, poly-His fusions and Ig fusions. Such fusion polypeptides, particularly poly-His fusions, can facilitate the purification of recombinant polypeptide. In certain host cells (e.g., mammalian host cells), expression and/or secretion of a polypeptide can be increased using a heterologous signal sequence. Therefore, in another embodiment, the fusion polypeptide contains a heterologous signal sequence at its N-terminus.

EP-A-O 464 533 discloses fusion proteins comprising various portions of immunoglobulin constant regions. The Fc is useful in therapy and diagnosis and thus results, for example, in improved pharmacokinetic properties (EP-A 0232 262). In

drug discovery, for example, human proteins have been fused with Fc portions for the purpose of high-throughput screening assays to identify antagonists. Bennett *et al.*, *Journal of Molecular Recognition*, 8:52-58 (1995) and Johanson *et al.*, *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 270,16:9459-9471 (1995). Thus, this invention also encompasses soluble fusion polypeptides containing a polypeptide of the invention and various portions of the constant regions of heavy or light chains of immunoglobulins of various subclasses (IgG, IgM, IgA, IgE).

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A chimeric or fusion polypeptide can be produced by standard recombinant DNA techniques. For example, DNA fragments coding for the different polypeptide sequences are ligated together in-frame in accordance with conventional techniques. In another embodiment, the fusion gene can be synthesized by conventional techniques including automated DNA synthesizers. Alternatively, PCR amplification of nucleic acid fragments can be carried out using anchor primers which give rise to complementary overhangs between two consecutive nucleic acid fragments which can subsequently be annealed and re-amplified to generate a chimeric nucleic acid sequence (see Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, 1992). Moreover, many expression vectors are commercially available that already encode a fusion moiety (e.g., a GST protein). A nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide of the invention can be cloned into such an expression vector such that the fusion moiety is linked in-frame to the polypeptide.

The isolated polypeptide can be purified from cells that naturally express it, purified from cells that have been altered to express it (recombinant), or synthesized using known protein synthesis methods. In one embodiment, the polypeptide is produced by recombinant DNA techniques. For example, a nucleic acid molecule encoding the polypeptide is cloned into an expression vector, the expression vector introduced into a host cell and the polypeptide expressed in the host cell. The polypeptide can then be isolated from the cells by an appropriate purification scheme using standard protein purification techniques.

The polypeptides of the present invention can be used to raise antibodies or to elicit an immune response. The polypeptides can also be used as a reagent, e.g., a

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labeled reagent, in assays to quantitatively determine levels of the polypeptide or a molecule to which it binds (e.g., a ligand) in biological fluids. The polypeptides can also be used as markers for cells or tissues in which the corresponding polypeptide is preferentially expressed, either constitutively, during tissue differentiation, or in diseased states. The polypeptides can be used to isolate a corresponding binding agent, e.g., ligand, such as, for example, in an interaction trap assay, and to screen for peptide or small molecule antagonists or agonists of the binding interaction. For example, because members of the leukotriene pathway including LTA4H bind to receptors, the leukotriene pathway polypeptides can be used to isolate such receptors.

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ANTIBODIES OF THE INVENTION

Polyclonal and/or monoclonal antibodies that specifically bind one form of the polypeptide or nucleic acid product (e.g., a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid having a SNP as set forth in Table 3), but not to another form of the polypeptide or nucleic acid product, are also provided. Antibodies are also provided which bind a portion of either polypeptide encoded by nucleic acids of the invention (e.g., SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO:2, or the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO:2), or to a polypeptide encoded by nucleic acids of the invention that contain a polymorphic site or sites. The invention also provides antibodies to the polypeptides and polypeptide fragments of the invention, or a portion thereof, or having an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising all or a portion of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2, or the complement thereof, or another variant or portion thereof. The term "antibody" as used herein refers to immunoglobulin molecules and immunologically active portions of immunoglobulin molecules, i.e., molecules that contain an antigen binding site that specifically binds an antigen. A molecule that specifically binds to a polypeptide of the invention is a molecule that binds to that polypeptide or a fragment thereof, but does not substantially bind other molecules in a sample, e.g., a biological sample, which naturally contains the polypeptide. Examples of immunologically active portions of immunoglobulin molecules include F(ab) and F(ab')₂ fragments which can be generated by treating the antibody with an enzyme

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such as pepsin. The invention provides polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies that bind to a polypeptide of the invention. The term "monoclonal antibody" or "monoclonal antibody composition", as used herein, refers to a population of antibody molecules that contain only one species of an antigen binding site capable of immunoreacting with a particular epitope of a polypeptide of the invention. A monoclonal antibody composition thus typically displays a single binding affinity for a particular polypeptide of the invention with which it immunoreacts.

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Polyclonal antibodies can be prepared as described above by immunizing a suitable subject with a desired immunogen, e.g., polypeptide of the invention or fragment thereof. The antibody titer in the immunized subject can be monitored over time by standard techniques, such as with an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) using immobilized polypeptide. If desired, the antibody molecules directed against the polypeptide can be isolated from the mammal (e.g., from the blood) and further purified by well-known techniques, such as protein A chromatography to obtain the IgG fraction. At an appropriate time after immunization, e.g., when the antibody titers are highest, antibody-producing cells can be obtained from the subject and used to prepare monoclonal antibodies by standard techniques, such as the hybridoma technique originally described by Kohler and Milstein, Nature 256:495-497 (1975), the human B cell hybridoma technique (Kozbor et al., Immunol. Today 4:72 (1983)); the EBV-hybridoma technique (Cole et al., Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy, Alan R. Liss, 1985, Inc., pp. 77-96); or trioma techniques. The technology for producing hybridomas is well known (see generally Current Protocols in Immunology (1994) Coligan et al. (eds.) John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, NY). Briefly, an immortal cell line (typically a myeloma) is fused to lymphocytes (typically splenocytes) from a mammal immunized with an immunogen as described above, and the culture supernatants of the resulting hybridoma cells are screened to identify a hybridoma producing a monoclonal antibody that binds a polypeptide of the invention.

Any of the many well known protocols used for fusing lymphocytes and immortalized cell lines can be applied for the purpose of generating a monoclonal

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antibody to a polypeptide of the invention (see, e.g., Current Protocols in Immunology, supra; Galfre et al., Nature 266:55052 (1977); R.H. Kenneth, in Monoclonal Antibodies: A New Dimension In Biological Analyses, Plenum Publishing Corp., New York, New York (1980); and Lerner, Yale J. Biol. Med. 54:387-402 (1981). Moreover, the ordinarily skilled worker will appreciate that there are many variations of such methods that also would be useful.

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Alternative to preparing monoclonal antibody-secreting hybridomas, a monoclonal antibody to a polypeptide of the invention can be identified and isolated by screening a recombinant combinatorial immunoglobulin library (e.g., an antibody phage display library) with the polypeptide to thereby isolate immunoglobulin library members that bind the polypeptide. Kits for generating and screening phage display libraries are commercially available (e.g., the Pharmacia Recombinant Phage Antibody System, Catalog No. 27-9400-01; and the Stratagene SurfZAPTM Phage Display Kit, Catalog No. 240612). Additionally, examples of methods and reagents particularly amenable for use in generating and screening antibody display library can be found in, for example, U.S. Patent No. 5,223,409; PCT Publication No. WO 92/18619; PCT Publication No. WO 91/17271; PCT Publication No. WO 92/20791; PCT Publication No. WO 92/15679; PCT Publication No. WO 93/01288; PCT Publication No. WO 92/01047; PCT Publication No. WO 92/09690; PCT Publication No. WO 90/02809; Fuchs et al., Bio/Technology 9: 1370-1372 (1991); Hay et al., Hum. Antibod. Hybridomas 3:81-85 (1992); Huse et al., Science 246:1275-1281 (1989); Griffiths et al., EMBO J. 12:725-734 (1993).

Additionally, recombinant antibodies, such as chimeric and humanized monoclonal antibodies, comprising both human and non-human portions, which can be made using standard recombinant DNA techniques, are within the scope of the invention. Such chimeric and humanized monoclonal antibodies can be produced by recombinant DNA techniques known in the art.

In general, antibodies of the invention (e.g., a monoclonal antibody) can be used to isolate a polypeptide of the invention by standard techniques, such as affinity chromatography or immunoprecipitation. A polypeptide-specific antibody can

facilitate the purification of natural polypeptide from cells and of recombinantly produced polypeptide expressed in host cells. Moreover, an antibody specific for a polypeptide of the invention can be used to detect the polypeptide (e.g., in a cellular lysate, cell supernatant, or tissue sample) in order to evaluate the abundance and pattern of expression of the polypeptide. Antibodies can be used diagnostically to monitor protein levels in tissue as part of a clinical testing procedure, e.g., to, for example, determine the efficacy of a given treatment regimen. Detection can be facilitated by coupling the antibody to a detectable substance. Examples of detectable substances include various enzymes, prosthetic groups, fluorescent materials, luminescent materials, bioluminescent materials, and radioactive materials. Examples of suitable enzymes include horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, \(\beta galactosidase, or acetylcholinesterase; examples of suitable prosthetic group complexes include streptavidin/biotin and avidin/biotin; examples of suitable fluorescent materials include umbelliferone, fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, dichlorotriazinylamine fluorescein, dansyl chloride or phycoerythrin; an example of a luminescent material includes luminol; examples of bioluminescent materials include luciferase, luciferin and aequorin, and examples of suitable radioactive material include ¹²⁵I, ¹³¹I, ³⁵S or ³H.

As described above, antibodies to leukotrienes can be used in the methods of the invention. The methods described herein can be used to generate such antibodies for use in the methods.

DIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS

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The nucleic acids, probes, primers, polypeptides and antibodies described herein can be used in methods of diagnosis of MI or diagnosis of a susceptibility to MI or to a disease or condition associated with an MI gene, such as LTA4H, as well as in kits useful for diagnosis of MI or a susceptibility to MI or to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H. In one embodiment, the kit useful for diagnosis of MI or susceptibility to MI, or to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H

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comprises primers as described herein, wherein the primers contain one or more of the SNPs identified in Table 3.

In one embodiment of the invention, diagnosis of MI or susceptibility to MI (or diagnosis of or susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H), is made by detecting a polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid as described herein. The polymorphism can be an alteration in an LTA4H nucleic acid, such as the insertion or deletion of a single nucleotide, or of more than one nucleotide, resulting in a frame shift alteration; the change of at least one nucleotide, resulting in a change in the encoded amino acid; the change of at least one nucleotide, resulting in the generation of a premature stop codon; the deletion of several nucleotides, resulting in a deletion of one or more amino acids encoded by the nucleotides; the insertion of one or several nucleotides, such as by unequal recombination or gene conversion, resulting in an interruption of the coding sequence of the gene or nucleic acid; duplication of all or a part of the gene or nucleic acid; transposition of all or a part of the gene or nucleic acid; or rearrangement of all or a part of the gene or nucleic acid. More than one such alteration may be present in a single gene or nucleic acid. Such sequence changes cause an alteration in the polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid. For example, if the alteration is a frame shift alteration, the frame shift can result in a change in the encoded amino acids, and/or can result in the generation of a premature stop codon, causing generation of a truncated polypeptide. Alternatively, a polymorphism associated with a disease or condition associated with an LTA4H nucleic acid or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with an LTA4H nucleic acid can be a synonymous alteration in one or more nucleotides (i.e., an alteration that does not result in a change in the polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid). Such a polymorphism may alter splicing sites, affect the stability or transport of mRNA, or otherwise affect the transcription or translation of the nucleic acid. An LTA4H nucleic acid that has any of the alteration described above is referred to herein as an "altered nucleic acid."

In a first method of diagnosing MI or a susceptibility to MI, hybridization methods, such as Southern analysis, Northern analysis, or *in situ* hybridizations, can

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be used (see Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Ausubel, F. et al., eds., John Wiley & Sons, including all supplements through 1999). For example, a biological sample from a test subject (a "test sample") of genomic DNA, RNA, or cDNA, is obtained from an individual suspected of having, being susceptible to or predisposed for, or carrying a defect for, a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with an LTA4H nucleic acid (the "test individual"). The individual can be an adult, child, or fetus. The test sample can be from any source which contains genomic DNA, such as a blood sample, sample of amniotic fluid, sample of cerebrospinal fluid, or tissue sample from skin, muscle, buccal or conjunctival mucosa, placenta, gastrointestinal tract or other organs. A test sample of DNA from fetal cells or tissue can be obtained by appropriate methods, such as by amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling. The DNA, RNA, or cDNA sample is then examined to determine whether a polymorphism in an MI nucleic acid is present, and/or to determine which splicing variant(s) encoded by the LTA4H nucleic acid is present. The presence of the polymorphism or splicing variant(s) can be indicated by hybridization of the nucleic acid in the genomic DNA, RNA, or cDNA to a nucleic acid probe. A "nucleic acid probe", as used herein, can be a DNA probe or an RNA probe; the nucleic acid probe can contain at least one polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid or contains a nucleic acid encoding a particular splicing variant of an LTA4H nucleic acid. The probe can be any of the nucleic acid molecules described above (e.g., the nucleic acid, a fragment, a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a probe or primer, etc.).

To diagnose MI or a susceptibility to MI (or a disease or condition associated with LTA4H), the test sample containing an LTA4H nucleic acid is contacted with at least one nucleic acid probe to form a hybridization sample. A preferred probe for detecting mRNA or genomic DNA is a labeled nucleic acid probe capable of hybridizing to mRNA or genomic DNA sequences described herein. The nucleic acid probe can be, for example, a full-length nucleic acid molecule, or a portion thereof, such as an oligonucleotide of at least 15, 30, 50, 100, 250 or 500 nucleotides in length and sufficient to specifically hybridize under stringent conditions to appropriate mRNA or genomic DNA. For example, the nucleic acid probe can be all or a portion

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of one of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2, or the complement thereof or a portion thereof; or can be a nucleic acid encoding all or a portion of SEQ ID NO: 3. Other suitable probes for use in the diagnostic assays of the invention are described above (see *e.g.*, probes and primers discussed under the heading, "Nucleic Acids of the Invention").

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The hybridization sample is maintained under conditions that are sufficient to allow specific hybridization of the nucleic acid probe to an LTA4H nucleic acid. "Specific hybridization", as used herein, indicates exact hybridization (e.g., with no mismatches). Specific hybridization can be performed under high stringency conditions or moderate stringency conditions, for example, as described above. In a particularly preferred embodiment, the hybridization conditions for specific hybridization are high stringency.

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Specific hybridization, if present, is then detected using standard methods. If specific hybridization occurs between the nucleic acid probe and LTA4H nucleic acid in the test sample, then the LTA4H has the polymorphism, or is the splicing variant, that is present in the nucleic acid probe. More than one nucleic acid probe can also be used concurrently in this method. Specific hybridization of any one of the nucleic acid probes is indicative of a polymorphism in the LTA4H nucleic acid, or of the presence of a particular splicing variant encoding the LTA4H nucleic acid, and is therefore diagnostic for a disease or condition associated with LTA4H or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI).

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In Northern analysis (see Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Ausubel, F. et al., eds., John Wiley & Sons, supra) the hybridization methods described above are used to identify the presence of a polymorphism or a particular splicing variant, associated with a disease or condition associated with or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI). For Northern analysis, a test sample of RNA is obtained from the individual by appropriate means. Specific hybridization of a nucleic acid probe, as described above, to RNA from the individual is indicative of a polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid, or of the presence of a particular splicing variant encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid, and is therefore diagnostic for

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the disease or condition associated with LTA4H, or for susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI).

For representative examples of use of nucleic acid probes, see, for example, U.S. Patents No. 5.288,611 and 4,851,330.

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Alternatively, a peptide nucleic acid (PNA) probe can be used instead of a nucleic acid probe in the hybridization methods described above. PNA is a DNA mimic having a peptide-like, inorganic backbone, such as N-(2-aminoethyl)glycine units, with an organic base (A, G, C, T or U) attached to the glycine nitrogen via a methylene carbonyl linker (see, for example, Nielsen, P.E. et al., Bioconjugate Chemistry 5, American Chemical Society, p. 1 (1994). The PNA probe can be designed to specifically hybridize to a nucleic acid having a polymorphism associated with a disease or condition associated with LTA4H or associated with a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI). Hybridization of the PNA probe to an LTA4H nucleic acid as described herein is diagnostic for the disease or condition or the susceptibility to the disease or condition.

In another method of the invention, mutation analysis by restriction digestion can be used to detect an altered nucleic acid, or nucleic acids containing a polymorphism(s), if the mutation or polymorphism in the nucleic acid results in the creation or elimination of a restriction site. A test sample containing genomic DNA is obtained from the individual. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) can be used to amplify an LTA4H nucleic acid (and, if necessary, the flanking sequences) in the test sample of genomic DNA from the test individual. RFLP analysis is conducted as described (see *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, supra*). The digestion pattern of the relevant DNA fragment indicates the presence or absence of the alteration or polymorphism in the LTA4H nucleic acid, and therefore indicates the presence or absence of a disease or condition associated with LTA4H or the susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI).

Sequence analysis can also be used to detect specific polymorphisms in the LTA4H nucleic acid. A test sample of DNA or RNA is obtained from the test individual. PCR or other appropriate methods can be used to amplify the nucleic acid,

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and/or its flanking sequences, if desired. The sequence of an LTA4H nucleic acid, or a fragment of the nucleic acid, or cDNA, or fragment of the cDNA, or mRNA, or fragment of the mRNA, is determined, using standard methods. The sequence of the nucleic acid, nucleic acid fragment, cDNA, cDNA fragment, mRNA, or mRNA fragment is compared with the known nucleic acid sequence of the nucleic acid, such as cDNA or MRNA (e.g., one or more of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2, and/or the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2), or a nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 3 or a fragment thereof) or other DNA, as appropriate. The presence of a polymorphism in the LTA4H nucleic acid indicates that the individual has disease or a susceptibility to a disease associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI).

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Allele-specific oligonucleotides can also be used to detect the presence of polymorphism(s) in the LTA4H nucleic acid, through the use of dot-blot hybridization of amplified oligonucleotides with allele-specific oligonucleotide (ASO) probes (see, for example, Saiki, R. et al., Nature 324:163-166 (1986)). An "allele-specific oligonucleotide" (also referred to herein as an "allele-specific oligonucleotide probe") is an oligonucleotide of approximately 10-50 base pairs, for example, approximately 15-30 base pairs, that specifically hybridizes to an LTA4H nucleic acid, and that contains a polymorphism associated with a disease or condition associated with LTA4H or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI). An allele-specific oligonucleotide probe that is specific for particular polymorphisms in an LTA4H nucleic acid can be prepared, using standard methods (see Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, supra). To identify polymorphisms in the nucleic acid associated with disease or susceptibility to disease, a test sample of DNA is obtained from the individual. PCR can be used to amplify all or a fragment of an LTA4H nucleic acid, and its flanking sequences. The DNA containing the amplified LTA4H nucleic acid (or fragment of the nucleic acid) is dot-blotted, using standard methods (see Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, supra), and the blot is contacted with the oligonucleotide probe. The presence of specific hybridization of the probe to the amplified LTA4H is then detected. Specific hybridization of an allele-specific oligonucleotide probe to DNA from the individual is indicative of a

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polymorphism in the LTA4H, and is therefore indicative of a disease or condition associated with LTA4H or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI).

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An allele-specific primer hybridizes to a site on target DNA overlapping a polymorphism and only primes amplification of an allelic form to which the primer exhibits perfect complementarity. See Gibbs, *Nucleic Acid Res.* 17, 2427-2448 (1989). This primer is used in conjunction with a second primer which hybridizes at a distal site. Amplification proceeds from the two primers, resulting in a detectable product which indicates the particular allelic form is present. A control is usually performed with a second pair of primers, one of which shows a single base mismatch at the polymorphic site and the other of which exhibits perfect complementarity to a distal site. The single-base mismatch prevents amplification and no detectable product is formed. The method works best when the mismatch is included in the 3'-most position of the oligonucleotide aligned with the polymorphism because this position is most destabilizing to elongation from the primer (see, *e.g.*, WO 93/22456).

With the addition of such analogs as locked nucleic acids (LNAs), the size of primers and probes can be reduced to as few as 8 bases. LNAs are a novel class of bicyclic DNA analogs in which the 2' and 4' positions in the furanose ring are joined via an O-methylene (oxy-LNA), S-methylene (thio-LNA), or amino methylene (amino-LNA) moiety. Common to all of these LNA variants is an affinity toward complementary nucleic acids, which is by far the highest reported for a DNA analog. For example, particular all oxy-LNA nonamers have been shown to have melting temperatures of 64°C and 74°C when in complex with complementary DNA or RNA, respectively, as oposed to 28°C for both DNA and RNA for the corresponding DNA nonamer. Substantial increases in T_m are also obtained when LNA monomers are used in combination with standard DNA or RNA monomers. For primers and probes, depending on where the LNA monomers are included (*e.g.*, the 3' end, the 5'end, or in the middle), the T_m could be increased considerably.

In another embodiment, arrays of oligonucleotide probes that are complementary to target nucleic acid sequence segments from an individual, can be

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used to identify polymorphisms in an LTA4H nucleic acid. For example, in one embodiment, an oligonucleotide array can be used. Oligonucleotide arrays typically comprise a plurality of different oligonucleotide probes that are coupled to a surface of a substrate in different known locations. These oligonucleotide arrays, also described as "GenechipsTM," have been generally described in the art, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 5,143,854 and PCT patent publication Nos. WO 90/15070 and WO 92/10092. These arrays can generally be produced using mechanical synthesis methods or light directed synthesis methods that incorporate a combination of photolithographic methods and solid phase oligonucleotide synthesis methods. See Fodor et al., Science 251:767-777 (1991); Pirrung et al., U.S. Pat. 5,143,854; (see also PCT Application WO 90/15070); Fodor et al., PCT Publication WO 92/10092; and U.S. Pat. 5,424,186, the entire teachings of each of which are incorporated by reference herein. Techniques for the synthesis of these arrays using mechanical synthesis methods are described in, e.g., U.S. Pat. 5,384,261, the entire teachings of which are incorporated by reference herein. In another example, linear arrays can be utilized.

Once an oligonucleotide array is prepared, a nucleic acid of interest is hybridized with the array and scanned for polymorphisms. Hybridization and scanning are generally carried out by methods described herein and also in, *e.g.*, published PCT Application Nos. WO 92/10092 and WO 95/11995, and U.S. Pat. No. 5,424,186, the entire teachings of which are incorporated by reference herein. In brief, a target nucleic acid sequence that includes one or more previously identified polymorphic markers is amplified using well-known amplification techniques, *e.g.*, PCR. Typically, this involves the use of primer sequences that are complementary to the two strands of the target sequence both upstream and downstream from the polymorphism. Asymmetric PCR techniques may also be used. Amplified target, generally incorporating a label, is then hybridized with the array under appropriate conditions. Upon completion of hybridization and washing of the array, the array is scanned to determine the position on the array to which the target sequence hybridizes. The hybridization data obtained from the scan is typically in the form of

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fluorescence intensities as a function of location on the array. In a reverse method, a probe, containing a polymorphism, can be coupled to a solid surface and PCR amplicons are then added to hybridize to these probes.

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Although primarily described in terms of a single detection block, e.g., detection of a single polymorphism arrays can include multiple detection blocks, and thus be capable of analyzing multiple, specific polymorphisms. It will generally be understood that detection blocks may be grouped within a single array or in multiple, separate arrays so that varying, optimal conditions may be used during the hybridization of the target to the array. For example, it may often be desirable to provide for the detection of those polymorphisms that fall within G-C rich stretches of a genomic sequence, separately from those falling in A-T rich segments. This allows for the separate optimization of hybridization conditions for each situation.

Additional uses of oligonucleotide arrays for detection of polymorphisms can be found, for example, in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,858,659 and 5,837,832, the entire teachings of which are incorporated by reference herein. Other methods of nucleic acid analysis can be used to detect polymorphisms in a nucleic acid described herein, or variants encoded by a nucleic acid described herein. Representative methods include direct manual sequencing (Church and Gilbert, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:1991-1995 (1988); Sanger, F. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA 74:5463-5467 (1977); Beavis et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,288,644); automated fluorescent sequencing; single-stranded conformation polymorphism assays (SSCP); clamped denaturing gel electrophoresis (CDGE); denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis (DGGE) (Sheffield, V.C. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:232-236 (1989)), mobility shift analysis (Orita, M. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:2766-2770 (1989)), restriction enzyme analysis (Flavell et al., Cell 15:25 (1978); Geever, et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:5081 (1981)); heteroduplex analysis; chemical mismatch cleavage (CMC) (Cotton et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:4397-4401 (1985)); RNase protection assays (Myers, R.M. et al., Science 230:1242 (1985)); use of polypeptides which recognize nucleotide mismatches, such as E. coli mutS protein; allele-specific PCR, for example.

In one embodiment of the invention, diagnosis of a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI) or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI) can also be made by expression analysis by quantitative PCR (kinetic thermal cycling). This technique utilizing TaqMan [®] can be used to allow the identification of polymorphisms and whether a patient is homozygous or heterozygous. The technique can assess the presence of an alteration in the expression or composition of the polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid or splicing variants encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid. Further, the expression of the variants can be quantified as physically or functionally different.

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In another embodiment of the invention, diagnosis of MI or a susceptibility to MI (or of another disease or condition associated with LTA4H) can also be made by examining expression and/or composition of an LTA4H polypeptide, by a variety of methods, including enzyme linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs), Western blots, immunoprecipitations and immunofluorescence. A test sample from an individual is assessed for the presence of an alteration in the expression and/or an alteration in composition of the polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid, or for the presence of a particular variant encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid. An alteration in expression of a polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid can be, for example, an alteration in the quantitative polypeptide expression (i.e., the amount of polypeptide produced); an alteration in the composition of a polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid is an alteration in the qualitative polypeptide expression (e.g., expression of an altered LTA4H polypeptide or of a different splicing variant). In a preferred embodiment, diagnosis of disease or condition associated with LTA4H or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H is made by detecting a particular splicing variant encoded by that LTA4H variant, or a particular pattern of splicing variants.

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Both such alterations (quantitative and qualitative) can also be present. An "alteration" in the polypeptide expression or composition, refers to an alteration in expression or composition in a test sample, as compared with the expression or composition of polypeptide by an LTA4H nucleic acid in a control sample. A control

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sample is a sample that corresponds to the test sample (e.g., is from the same type of cells), and is from an individual who is not affected by the disease or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with an LTA4H nucleic acid. An alteration in the expression or composition of the polypeptide in the test sample, as compared with the control sample, is indicative of disease or condition associated with LTA4H or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI). Similarly, the presence of one or more different splicing variants in the test sample, or the presence of significantly different amounts of different splicing variants in the test sample, as compared with the control sample, is indicative of a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with an LTA4H nucleic acid. Various means of examining expression or composition of the polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid can be used, including: spectroscopy, colorimetry, electrophoresis, isoelectric focusing and immunoassays (e.g., David et al., U.S. Pat. 4,376,110) such as immunoblotting (see also Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, particularly Chapter 10). For example, in one embodiment, an antibody capable of binding to the polypeptide (e.g., as described above), preferably an antibody with a detectable label, can be used. Antibodies can be polyclonal, or more preferably, monoclonal. An intact antibody, or a fragment thereof (e.g., Fab or F(ab')2) can be used. The term "labeled", with regard to the probe or antibody, is intended to encompass direct labeling of the probe or antibody by coupling (i.e., physically linking) a detectable substance to the probe or antibody, as well as indirect labeling of the probe or antibody by reactivity with another reagent that is directly labeled. Examples of indirect labeling include detection of a primary antibody using a fluorescently labeled secondary antibody and end-labeling of a DNA probe with biotin such that it can be detected with fluorescently labeled streptavidin.

Western blotting analysis, using an antibody as described above that specifically binds to a polypeptide encoded by an altered LTA4H (e.g., by an LTA4H having a SNP as shown in Table 3), or an antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide encoded by a non-altered nucleic acid, or an antibody that specifically binds to a particular splicing variant encoded by a nucleic acid, can be used to identify

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the presence in a test sample of a particular splicing variant or of a polypeptide encoded by a polymorphic or altered LTA4H, or the absence in a test sample of a particular splicing variant or of a polypeptide encoded by a non-polymorphic or non-altered nucleic acid. The presence of a polypeptide encoded by a polymorphic or altered nucleic acid, or the absence of a polypeptide encoded by a non-polymorphic or non-altered nucleic acid, is diagnostic for disease or condition associated with LTA4H or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with, as is the presence (or absence) of particular splicing variants encoded by the LTA4H nucleic acid.

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In one embodiment of this method, the level or amount of polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid in a test sample is compared with the level or amount of the polypeptide encoded by the LTA4H in a control sample. A level or amount of the polypeptide in the test sample that is higher or lower than the level or amount of the polypeptide in the control sample, such that the difference is statistically significant, is indicative of an alteration in the expression of the polypeptide encoded by the LTA4H, and is diagnostic for disease or condition, or for a susceptibility to a disease or condition, associated with that LTA4H. Alternatively, the composition of the polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid in a test sample is compared with the composition of the polypeptide encoded by the LTA4H in a control sample (e.g., the presence of different splicing variants). A difference in the composition of the polypeptide in the test sample, as compared with the composition of the polypeptide in the control sample, is diagnostic for a disease or condition, or for a susceptibility to a disease or condition, associated with that LTA4H. In another embodiment, both the level or amount and the composition of the polypeptide can be assessed in the test sample and in the control sample. A difference in the amount or level of the polypeptide in the test sample, compared to the control sample; a difference in composition in the test sample, compared to the control sample; or both a difference in the amount or level, and a difference in the composition, is indicative of a disease or condition, or a susceptibility to a disease or condition, associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI).

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Kits (e.g., reagent kits) useful in the methods of diagnosis comprise components useful in any of the methods described herein, including for example, hybridization probes or primers as described herein (e.g., labeled probes or primers), reagents for detection of labeled molecules, restriction enzymes (e.g., for RFLP analysis), allele-specific oligonucleotides, antibodies which bind to altered or to nonaltered (native) LTA4H polypeptide, means for amplification of nucleic acids comprising an LTA4H, or means for analyzing the nucleic acid sequence of a nucleic acid described herein, or for analyzing the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide as described herein, etc. In one embodiment, a kit for diagnosing MI or susceptibility to MI can comprise primers for nucleic acid amplification of a region in the LTA4H nucleic acid comprising an at-risk haplotype that is more frequently present in an individual having MI or susceptible to MI. The primers can be designed using portions of the nucleic acids flanking SNPs that are indicative of MI. In a particularly preferred embodiment, the primers are designed to amplify regions of the LTA4H nucleic acid associated with an at-risk haplotype for MI, as shown in Table 4 or Table 5, or more particularly the haplotype defined by the microsatellite markers and SNPs at the locus on chromosome 12q23.

SCREENING ASSAYS AND AGENTS IDENTIFIED THERBY

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The invention provides methods (also referred to herein as "screening assays") for identifying the presence of a nucleotide that hybridizes to a nucleic acid of the invention, as well as for identifying the presence of a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid of the invention. In one embodiment, the presence (or absence) of a nucleic acid molecule of interest (e.g., a nucleic acid that has significant homology with a nucleic acid of the invention) in a sample can be assessed by contacting the sample with a nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid of the invention (e.g., a nucleic acid having the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 1 or 2 or the complement thereof, or a nucleic acid encoding an amino acid having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, or a fragment or variant of such nucleic acids), under stringent conditions as described above, and then assessing the sample for the presence (or absence) of hybridization.

In a preferred embodiment, high stringency conditions are conditions appropriate for selective hybridization. In another embodiment, a sample containing a nucleic acid molecule of interest is contacted with a nucleic acid containing a contiguous nucleic acid sequence (e.g., a primer or a probe as described above) that is at least partially complementary to a part of the nucleic acid molecule of interest (e.g., an LTA4H nucleic acid), and the contacted sample is assessed for the presence or absence of hybridization. In a preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid containing a contiguous nucleic acid sequence is completely complementary to a part of the nucleic acid molecule of interest.

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In any of these embodiments, all or a portion of the nucleic acid of interest can be subjected to amplification prior to performing the hybridization.

In another embodiment, the presence (or absence) of a polypeptide of interest, such as a polypeptide of the invention or a fragment or variant thereof, in a sample can be assessed by contacting the sample with an antibody that specifically hybridizes to the polypeptide of interest (e.g., an antibody such as those described above), and then assessing the sample for the presence (or absence) of binding of the antibody to the polypeptide of interest.

In another embodiment, the invention provides methods for identifying agents (e.g., fusion proteins, polypeptides, peptidomimetics, prodrugs, receptors, binding agents, antibodies, small molecules or other drugs, or ribozymes which alter (e.g., increase or decrease) the activity of the polypeptides described herein, or which otherwise interact with the polypeptides herein. For example, such agents can be agents which bind to polypeptides described herein (e.g., binding agent for members of the leukotriene pathway, such as LTA4H binding agents); which have a stimulatory or inhibitory effect on, for example, activity of polypeptides of the invention; or which change (e.g., enhance or inhibit) the ability of the polypeptides of the invention to interact with members of the leukotriene pathway binding agents (e.g., receptors or other binding agents); or which alter posttranslational processing of the leukotriene pathway member polypeptide, such as an LTA4H polypeptide (e.g., agents that alter proteolytic processing to direct the polypeptide from where it is normally synthesized

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to another location in the cell, such as the cell surface; agents that alter proteolytic processing such that more polypeptide is released from the cell, etc.)

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In one embodiment, the invention provides assays for screening candidate or test agents that bind to or modulate the activity of polypeptides described herein (or biologically active portion(s) thereof), as well as agents identifiable by the assays. Test agents can be obtained using any of the numerous approaches in combinatorial library methods known in the art, including: biological libraries; spatially addressable parallel solid phase or solution phase libraries; synthetic library methods requiring deconvolution; the 'one-bead one-compound' library method; and synthetic library methods using affinity chromatography selection. The biological library approach is limited to polypeptide libraries, while the other four approaches are applicable to polypeptide, non-peptide oligomer or small molecule libraries of compounds (Lam, K.S., *Anticancer Drug Des.* 12:145 (1997)).

In one embodiment, to identify agents which alter the activity of an LTA4H polypeptide, a cell, cell lysate, or solution containing or expressing an LTA4H polypeptide (e.g., SEQ ID NO: 3 or another splicing variant encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid, such as a nucleic acid comprising a SNP as shown in Table 3), or a fragment or derivative thereof (as described above), can be contacted with an agent to be tested; alternatively, the polypeptide can be contacted directly with the agent to be tested. The level (amount) of LTA4H activity is assessed (e.g., the level (amount) of LTA4H activity is measured, either directly or indirectly), and is compared with the level of activity in a control (i.e., the level of activity of the LTA4H polypeptide or active fragment or derivative thereof in the absence of the agent to be tested). If the level of the activity in the presence of the agent differs, by an amount that is statistically significant, from the level of the activity in the absence of the agent, then the agent is an agent that alters the activity of an LTA4H polypeptide. An increase in the level of LTA4H activity in the presence of the agent relative to the activity in the absence of the agent, indicates that the agent is an agent that enhances (stimulates) LTA4H activity. Similarly, a decrease in the level of LTA4H activity in the presence of the agent, relative to the activity in the absence of the agent, indicates that the agent

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is an agent that inhibits LTA4H activity. In another embodiment, the level of activity of an LTA4H polypeptide or derivative or fragment thereof in the presence of the agent to be tested, is compared with a control level that has previously been established. A statistically significant difference in the level of the activity in the presence of the agent from the control level indicates that the agent alters LTA4H activity.

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The present invention also relates to an assay for identifying agents which alter the expression of an LTA4H nucleic acid (e.g., antisense nucleic acids, fusion proteins, polypeptides, peptidomimetics, prodrugs, receptors, binding agents, antibodies, small molecules or other drugs, or ribozymes); which alter (e.g., increase or decrease) expression (e.g., transcription or translation) of the nucleic acid or which otherwise interact with the nucleic acids described herein, as well as agents identifiable by the assays. For example, a solution containing a nucleic acid encoding an LTA4H polypeptide (e.g., an LTA4H nucleic acid) can be contacted with an agent to be tested. The solution can comprise, for example, cells containing the nucleic acid or cell lysate containing the nucleic acid; alternatively, the solution can be another solution that comprises elements necessary for transcription/translation of the nucleic acid. Cells not suspended in solution can also be employed, if desired. The level and/or pattern of LTA4H expression (e.g., the level and/or pattern of mRNA or of protein expressed, such as the level and/or pattern of different splicing variants) is assessed, and is compared with the level and/or pattern of expression in a control (i.e., the level and/or pattern of the LTA4H expression in the absence of the agent to be tested). If the level and/or pattern in the presence of the agent differ, by an amount or in a manner that is statistically significant, from the level and/or pattern in the absence of the agent, then the agent is an agent that alters the expression of the LTA4H nucleic acid. Enhancement of LTA4H expression indicates that the agent is an activator of LTA4H transcription. Similarly, inhibition of LTA4H expression indicates that the agent is a repressor of LTA4H transcription.

In another embodiment, the level and/or pattern of LTA4H polypeptide(s) (e.g., different splicing variants) in the presence of the agent to be tested, is compared

with a control level and/or pattern that have previously been established. A level and/or pattern in the presence of the agent that differs from the control level and/or pattern by an amount or in a manner that is statistically significant indicates that the agent alters LTA4H expression.

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In another embodiment of the invention, agents which alter the expression of an LTA4H nucleic acid or which otherwise interact with the nucleic acids described herein, can be identified using a cell, cell lysate, or solution containing a nucleic acid encoding the promoter region of the LTA4H nucleic acid operably linked to a reporter gene. After contact with an agent to be tested, the level of expression of the reporter gene (e.g., the level of mRNA or of protein expressed) is assessed, and is compared with the level of expression in a control (i.e., the level of the expression of the reporter gene in the absence of the agent to be tested). If the level in the presence of the agent differs, by an amount or in a manner that is statistically significant, from the level in the absence of the agent, then the agent is an agent that alters the expression of the LTA4H nucleic acid, as indicated by its ability to alter expression of a nucleic acid that is operably linked to the LTA4H nucleic acid promoter.

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Enhancement of the expression of the reporter indicates that the agent is an activator of LTA4H transcription. Similarly, inhibition of the expression of the reporter indicates that the agent is a repressor of LTA4H transcription. In another embodiment, the level of expression of the reporter in the presence of the test agent, is compared with a control level that has previously been established. A level in the presence of the agent that differs from the control level by an amount or in a manner that is statistically significant indicates that the agent alters expression.

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Agents which alter the amounts of different splicing variants encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid (e.g., an agent which enhances activity of a first splicing variant, and which inhibits activity of a second splicing variant), as well as agents which are agonists of activity of a first splicing variant and antagonists of activity of a second splicing variant, can easily be identified using these methods described above.

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In other embodiments of the invention, assays can be used to assess the impact of a test agent on the activity of a polypeptide relative to an LTA4H binding agent.

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For example, a cell that expresses a compound that interacts with LTA4H (herein referred to as a "LTA4H binding agent", which can be a polypeptide or other molecule that interacts with LTA4H, such as a receptor, or another molecule) is contacted with LTA4H in the presence of a test agent, and the ability of the test agent to alter the interaction between LTA4H and the LTA4H binding agent is determined. Alternatively, a cell lysate or a solution containing the LTA4H binding agent, can be used. An agent which binds to LTA4H or the LTA4H binding agent can alter the interaction by interfering with, or enhancing the ability of LTA4H to bind to. associate with, or otherwise interact with the LTA4H binding agent. Determining the ability of the test agent to bind to LTA4H or an LTA4H binding agent can be accomplished, for example, by coupling the test agent with a radioisotope or enzymatic label such that binding of the test agent to the polypeptide can be determined by detecting the labeled with ¹²⁵I, ³⁵S, ¹⁴C or ³H, either directly or indirectly, and the radioisotope detected by direct counting of radioemmission or by scintillation counting. Alternatively, test agents can be enzymatically labeled with, for example, horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, or luciferase, and the enzymatic label detected by determination of conversion of an appropriate substrate to product. It is also within the scope of this invention to determine the ability of a test agent to interact with the polypeptide without the labeling of any of the interactants. For example, a microphysiometer can be used to detect the interaction of a test agent with LTA4H or an LTA4H binding agent without the labeling of either the test agent, LTA4H, or the LTA4H binding agent. McConnell, H.M. et al., Science 257:1906-1912 (1992). As used herein, a "microphysiometer" (e.g., CytosensorTM) is an analytical instrument that measures the rate at which a cell acidifies its environment using a light-addressable potentiometric sensor (LAPS). Changes in this acidification rate can be used as an indicator of the interaction between ligand and polypeptide.

Thus, these receptors can be used to screen for compounds that are agonists for use in treating a disease or condition associated with LTA4H or a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H, or antagonists for studying a susceptibility to a disease or condition associated with LTA4H (e.g., MI). Drugs can

be designed to regulate LTA4H activation, which in turn can be used to regulate signaling pathways and transcription events of genes downstream or of proteins or polypeptides interacting with LTA4H.

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In another embodiment of the invention, assays can be used to identify polypeptides that interact with one or more LTA4H polypeptides as described herein. For example, a yeast two-hybrid system such as that described by Fields and Song (Fields, S. and Song, O., Nature 340:245-246 (1989)) can be used to identify polypeptides that interact with one or more LTA4H polypeptides. In such a yeast two-hybrid system, vectors are constructed based on the flexibility of a transcription factor that has two functional domains (a DNA binding domain and a transcription activation domain). If the two domains are separated but fused to two different proteins that interact with one another, transcriptional activation can be achieved, and transcription of specific markers (e.g., nutritional markers such as His and Ade, or color markers such as lacZ) can be used to identify the presence of interaction and transcriptional activation. For example, in the methods of the invention, a first vector is used which includes a nucleic acid encoding a DNA binding domain and also an LTA4H polypeptide, splicing variant, or fragment or derivative thereof, and a second vector is used which includes a nucleic acid encoding a transcription activation domain and also a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide which potentially may interact with the LTA4H polypeptide, splicing variant, or fragment or derivative thereof (e.g., an LTA4H polypeptide binding agent or receptor). Incubation of yeast containing the first vector and the second vector under appropriate conditions (e.g., mating conditions such as used in the MatchmakerTM system from Clontech (Palo Alto, California, USA)) allows identification of colonies that express the markers of interest. These colonies can be examined to identify the polypeptide(s) that interact with the LTA4H polypeptide or fragment or derivative thereof. Such polypeptides may be useful as agents that alter the activity of expression of an LTA4H polypeptide, as described above.

In more than one embodiment of the above assay methods of the present invention, it may be desirable to immobilize either the LTA4H, the LTA4H binding

agent, or other components of the assay on a solid support, in order to facilitate separation of complexed from uncomplexed forms of one or both of the polypeptides, as well as to accommodate automation of the assay. Binding of a test agent to the polypeptide, or interaction of the polypeptide with a binding agent in the presence and absence of a test agent, can be accomplished in any vessel suitable for containing the reactants. Examples of such vessels include microtitre plates, test tubes, and microcentrifuge tubes. In one embodiment, a fusion protein (e.g., a glutathione-Stransferase fusion protein) can be provided which adds a domain that allows LTA4H or an LTA4H binding agent to be bound to a matrix or other solid support.

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In another embodiment, modulators of expression of nucleic acid molecules of the invention are identified in a method wherein a cell, cell lysate, or solution containing a nucleic acid encoding LTA4H is contacted with a test agent and the expression of appropriate mRNA or polypeptide (e.g., splicing variant(s)) in the cell, cell lysate, or solution, is determined. The level of expression of appropriate mRNA or polypeptide(s) in the presence of the test agent is compared to the level of expression of mRNA or polypeptide(s) in the absence of the test agent. The test agent can then be identified as a modulator of expression based on this comparison. For example, when expression of mRNA or polypeptide is greater (statistically significantly greater) in the presence of the test agent than in its absence, the test agent is identified as a stimulator or enhancer of the mRNA or polypeptide expression. Alternatively, when expression of the mRNA or polypeptide is less (statistically significantly less) in the presence of the test agent than in its absence, the test agent is identified as an inhibitor of the mRNA or polypeptide expression. The level of mRNA or polypeptide expression in the cells can be determined by methods described herein for detecting mRNA or polypeptide.

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In yet another embodiment, the invention provides methods for identifying agents (e.g., fusion proteins, polypeptides, peptidomimetics, prodrugs, receptors, binding agents, antibodies, small molecules or other drugs, or ribozymes) which alter (e.g., increase or decrease) the activity of a member of the leukotriene pathway binding agent, such as an LTA4H binding agent, as described herein. For example,

such agents can be agents which have a stimulatory or inhibitory effect on, for example, the activity of a member of the leukotriene pathway binding agent, such as an LTA4H binding agent; which change (e.g., enhance or inhibit) the ability a member of the leukotriene pathway binding agents, (e.g., receptors or other binding agents) to interact with the polypeptides of the invention; or which alter posttranslational processing of the member of the leukotriene pathway binding agent, (e.g., agents that alter proteolytic processing to direct the member of the leukotriene pathway binding agent from where it is normally synthesized to another location in the cell, such as the cell surface; agents that alter proteolytic processing such that more active binding agent is released from the cell, etc.).

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For example, the invention provides assays for screening candidate or test agents that bind to or modulate the activity of a member of the leukotriene pathway (or enzymatically active portion(s) thereof), as well as agents identifiable by the assays. As described above, test agents can be obtained using any of the numerous approaches in combinatorial library methods known in the art, including: biological libraries; spatially addressable parallel solid phase or solution phase libraries; synthetic library methods requiring deconvolution; the 'one-bead one-compound' library method; and synthetic library methods using affinity chromatography selection. The biological library approach is limited to polypeptide libraries, while the other four approaches are applicable to polypeptide, non-peptide oligomer or small molecule libraries of compounds (Lam, K.S. *Anticancer Drug Des.*, 12:145 (1997)).

In one embodiment, to identify agents which alter the activity of a member of the leukotriene pathway (such as an LTA4H binding agent, or an agent which binds to a member of the leukotriene pathway (a "binding agent")), a cell, cell lysate, or solution containing or expressing a binding agent (e.g., a leukotriene pathway member receptor, or other binding agent), or a fragment (e.g., an enzymatically active fragment) or derivative thereof, can be contacted with an agent to be tested; alternatively, the binding agent (or fragment or derivative thereof) can be contacted directly with the agent to be tested. The level (amount) of binding agent activity is

assessed (either directly or indirectly), and is compared with the level of activity in a control (*i.e.*, the level of activity in the absence of the agent to be tested). If the level of the activity in the presence of the agent differs, by an amount that is statistically significant, from the level of the activity in the absence of the agent, then the agent is an agent that alters the activity of the member of the leukotriene pathway. An increase in the level of the activity relative to a control, indicates that the agent is an agent that enhances the activity. Similarly, a decrease in the level of activity relative to a control, indicates that the agent is an agent that inhibits the activity. In another embodiment, the level of activity in the presence of the agent to be tested, is compared with a control level that has previously been established. A level of the activity in the presence of the agent that differs from the control level by an amount that is statistically significant indicates that the agent alters the activity.

This invention further pertains to novel agents identified by the above-described screening assays. Accordingly, it is within the scope of this invention to further use an agent identified as described herein in an appropriate animal model. For example, an agent identified as described herein (e.g., a test agent that is a modulating agent, an antisense nucleic acid molecule, a specific antibody, or a polypeptide-binding agent) can be used in an animal model to determine the efficacy, toxicity, or side effects of treatment with such an agent. Alternatively, an agent identified as described herein can be used in an animal model to determine the mechanism of action of such an agent.

Furthermore, this invention pertains to uses of novel agents identified by the above-described screening assays for treatments as described herein. In addition, an agent identified as described herein can be used to alter activity of a polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid, or to alter expression of an LTA4H nucleic acid, by contacting the polypeptide or the nucleic acid (or contacting a cell comprising the polypeptide or the nucleic acid) with the agent identified as described herein.

The present invention is now illustrated by the following Examples, which are not intended to be limiting in any way.

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EXAMPLE 1: IDENTIFICATION OF HAPLOTYPES ASSOCIATED WITH MI SUBJECTS AND METHODS

Study population

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Patients entering the study were defined from a myocardial infarction (MI) registry that includes all MIs (over 8,000 patients) in Iceland from 1981 to 2002. This registry is a part of the World Health Organization MONICA Project (The World Health Organization MONICA Project (monitoring trends and determinants in cardiovascular disease): a major international collaboration. WHO MONICA Project Principal Investigators. *J Clin. Epidemiol.* 1988; 41:105-14). Diagnosis of all patients in the registry follow strict diagnostic rules based on symptoms, electrocardiograms, cardiac enzymes, and necropsy findings.

Blood samples from over 1500 MI patients, both cases with a family history and sporadic cases were collected. For each patient that participated, blood was collected from 2 relatives (unaffected or affected). Their genotypes were used to help with construction of haplotypes. Blood samples from over 950 controls were also collected. The control cohort was population based.

Linkage analysis

In an effort to enrich for those patients who had stronger genetic factors contributing to their risk for MI, we fractionated the MI cohort to those patients with earlier onset MI. We chose different age cutoffs for male and females since the average age of MI in females is 10 years older than for males. Using MI onset at age less than 50 in males and less than 60 in females, 196 patients were clustered within 67 Pedigrees. These pedigrees included related earlier onset MI patients such that each patient is related to at least one other patient up to and including six meiotic events. The information regarding the relatedness of patients was obtained from an encrypted genealogy database that covers the entire Icelandic nation (Gulcher et al., Eur. J. Hum. Genet. 8: 739-742 (2000)). A genome-wide scan was performed using a framework map of 1000 microsatellite markers, using protocols described elsewhere (Gretarsdottir S., et al. Am. J. Hum. Genet., 70: 593-603, 2002)). The marker order

and positions were obtained from deCODE genetic's high resolution genetic map (Kong A, et al., Nat. genet., 31: 241-247 (2002)). All markers used in the linkage analysis are publicly available microsatellite markers. The population-based allele frequencies were constructed from a cohort of more than 30,000 Icelanders who have participated in genetic studies of various disease projects.

For statistical analysis, multipoint, affected only allele-sharing methods were used to assess evidence for linkage. All results, both the LOD and the non-parametric linkage (NPL) score, were obtained using the program ALLEGRO (Gudbjartsson D.F., et al., Nat Genet., 25: 12-13(2000)). The baseline linkage analysis (Gretarsdottir S., et al., Am. J. Hum. Genet. 70: 593-603, (2002)) uses the Spairs scoring function (Whittermore AS, and Haplern J A., Biometrics 50: 118-127 (1994)) and Kruglyak et al., Am. J. Hum. Genet., 58:1347-1363 (1996)) the exponential allele-sharing model (Kong A., and Cox N.J., Am. J. Hum. Genet. 61:1179-1188 (1997)), and a family weighting scheme which is halfway, on the log-scale, between weighing each affected pairs equally and weighing each family equally.

Fine mapping:

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A candidate susceptibility locus was defined as the region under the LOD score curve where the score was one lower than the highest lod score ((peak lod score -1)\one lod drop). This region (approx. 12Mb) was finemapped with microsatellite markers with an average spacing between markers of approximately 1.5 cM.

Case-control haplotype association analysis

A large case-control analysis was initially carried out using over 560 male MI patients and 338 female MI patients and 480 population-based controls in an effort to find the MI gene within the linkage peak on chromosome 12 found in genome-wide linkage analysis. Given that a member of the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway, LTA4H, was near the peak microsatellite marker, an effort was made to identify microsatellite markers positioned close to, or within, the LTA4H gene. Three microsatellite markers were identified within the deCODE genetics modified

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assembly of the public UCSC human genome sequence assembly and they were subsequently genotyped. In addition, SNPs were identified within the LTA4H gene by sequencing 93 patients. Out of the 90 SNPs that were identified 12 were selected to genotype 894 patients and 462 controls. These three microsatellite markers and 12 SNPs, were subsequently used for haplotype analysis. Results from the initial haplotype analysis are shown in Table 4 and Table 5.

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We then typed a subset of the markers on more MI patients and controls. This subset included 8 SNPs and 3 microsatellite markers. In addition, we typed 9 new SNPs on the total cohort which now included 1560 MI patients and 953 controls. Results from the haplotype association analysis, using the extended cohort and a total of 17 SNPs and 3 microsatellite markers, are shown in Table 5.

The frequencies of haplotypes in the patient and the control groups using an expectation-maximization algorithm were estimated (Dempster A.P. et al., J. R. Stat. Soc. B. 39: 1-389 (1977)). An implementation of this algorithm that can handle missing genotypes and uncertainty with the phase was used. Under the null hypothesis, the patients and the controls are assumed to have identical frequencies. Using a likelihood approach, an alternative hypothesis where a candidate at-risk-haplotype is allowed to have a higher frequency in patients than controls, while the ratios of the frequencies of other haplotypes are assumed to be the same in both groups was tested. Likelihoods are maximized separately under both hypothesis and a corresponding 1-df likelihood ratio statistics is used to evaluate the statistic significance.

To assess the significance of the haplotype association corrected for multiple testing, we carried out a randomisation test using the same genotype data. We randomised the cohorts of patients and controls and repeated the analysis. This procedure was repeated up to 500 times and the adjusted P value is the fraction of replications that produced a P value for some haplotype tested that is lower than or equal to the P value we observed using the original patient and control cohorts.

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Results:

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Table 1 shows the results of the first step of the linkage analysis; multipoint non-parametric LOD scores for a framework marker map on chromosome 12. A LOD score suggestive of linkage of 1.95 was found at marker D12S2081. This linkage peak was one of the highest peaks found for the earlier onset MI phenotype. Table 2 shows the results of the second step of the linkage analysis; multipoint non-parametric LOD scores for the families after adding 20 fine mapping markers to the candidate region. The inclusion of additional microsatellite markers increased the information on sharing by decent from 0.8 to 0.9, around the markers that gave the highest LOD scores. The lodscore in this locus increased to 2.01 and the peak marker was D12S348 at centimorgin distance 110.6. Thus the locus remained suggestive for linkage suggesting that a gene conferring risk for MI was within the 10 million bases defined by the width of the linkage peak.

One of the genes close to the peak marker at this linkage peak (that is, the marker with the highest sharing or lodscore) was LTA4H. Our previous genetic work with FLAP showed that the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway plays a major role in MI risk. Since LTA4H encodes a major member of the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway converting Leukotriene A to Leukotriene B, we chose to test it for association to MI in a case-control study using 894 MI patients and 462 population-based controls.

Table 3 shows SNPs that were found by sequencing the LTA4H gene. One of the SNPs, LTA4H_31334, is in the coding region. The polymorphism, A\G, does not change the amino acid sequence in the protein. The rest of the SNPs were outside the coding exons of LTA4H and were within introns or flanking regions of LTA4H.

Table 4 shows results from the initial haplotype association analysis using 894 MI patients and 462 controls that were typed with 3 microsatellite markers and 12 SNPs. The following markers show a significant association with MI in males: DG12S1664, SG12S16, SG12S17, SG12S18, SG12S21, SG12S22, SG12S23, SG12S24, SG12S25, SG12S26, DG12S1666, SG12S100, SG12S28, and SG12S144, with alleles 0, C, A, T, G, G, T, T, A, T, 0, and T, T, and A, respectively. The allelic frequency of a shorter version of this haplotype including markers DG12S1664,

SG12S26, DG12S1666, and SG12S144, with alleles 0, T, 0, and A, respectively, is 51% in male MI patients and 43% in controls (carried by 76 % of male patients and 67% of controls). Allelic frequency of this haplotype is higher, or 56%, in a subgroup of patients that have had more than one MI (see Table 4).

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Table 5 shows the results of the haplotype association analysis using 1560 unrelated MI patients and 953 unrelated population controls. A haplotype comprised of the consecutive markers was highly significant in MI patients that had also had either stroke or peripheral arterial occlusive disease (PAOD) (P-value adjusted for multiple comparisons = 0.007). The fact that the haplotypes shown in Table 5 are more significant in MI patients that have more than one clinically evident cardiovascular complication might indicate that the gene played a role in clinical activity or severity of the atherosclerotic disease. The significantly associated haplotype is comprised of the following consecutive markers; SG12S438, DG12S1664, SG12S16, SG12S21, SG12S23, SG12S25, SG12S26, DG12S1666, SG12S100, SG12S28, SG12S143, SG12S144, SG12S221, SG12S222, SG12S223, SG12S225, SG12S226, SG12S233, SG12S237, and DG12S1668 with alleles C, 0, C, G, T, A, T, 0, T, T, T, A, G, C, C, G, G, C, T, and 0. Also shown in Table 5 is a shorter version of the consecutive haplotype and a haplotype that shows a significant protection against MI involving more than one clinically evident cardiovascular complication.

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In summary, it has been shown for the first time that genetic varians of LTA4H show significant association to MI. The results complement previous work showing that variants in FLAP are significantly associated with MI. In both cases the risk ratio is similar to or higher than the conventional and well-known risk factors for MI including smoking, hypercholesterolemia, hypertension and diabetes among others.

Table 1.

The marker map for chromosome 12 and LOD scores in the first step of the linkage analysis.

location	LOD	dhat	NPL	Zir	Info	marker
0	1.2574	-0.4865	-1.6783	-2.4063	0.5456	D12S352
3.083	1.7993	-0.5525	-2.1441	-2.8786	0.6374	D12S1608
3.554	1.8107	-0.5494	-2.1696	-2.8877	0.6472	D12S1656
6.566	1.8434	-0.5493	-2.2066	-2.9136	0.6591	D12S1626
7.956	1.8748	-0.5527	-2.2239	-2.9383	0.6638	D12S372
12.93	1.5997	-0.4719	-2.166	-2.7142	0.7291	D12S1725
13.761	1.6842	-0.4859	-2.2249	-2.785	0.732	D12S314
16.166	1.6989	-0.5279	-2.0948	-2.7971	0.6467	D12S374
24.078	1.0258	-0.4043	-1.5861	-2.1734	0.6036	D12S336
26.254	1.0166	-0.3907	-1.6163	-2.1637	0.6338	D12S1697
31.288	0.9373	-0.3846	-1.5323	-2.0775	0.6	D12S364
34.202	0.8469	-0.3806	-1.4006	-1.9748	0.5518	D12S1728
39.399	0.8692	-0.4163	-1.3441	-2.0007	0.4871	D12S1682
44.135	0.7789	-0.3786	-1.306	-1.894	0.5121	D12S1591
49.974	0.7977	-0.3819	-1.3162	-1.9166	0.5166	D12S1640
52.254	0.8638	-0.3759	-1.4437	-1.9945	0.5749	D12S1704
53.951	0.8005	-0.3442	-1.4441	-1.92	0.6191	D12S1681
55.792	0.4155	-0.2301	-1.0815	-1.3833	0.6554	D12S345
57.468	0.2695	-0.1842	-0.8653	-1.114	0.6382	D12S1668
61.09	0.6674	-0.3134	-1.2999	-1.7531	0.6074	D12S85
67.239	0.9722	-0.3854	-1.5762	-2.116	0.6203	D12S368
74.802	0.8922	-0.3971	-1.4186	-2.027	0.5412	D12S83
76.789	0.9969	-0.4272	-1.4897	-2.1426	0.5351	D12S329
84.363	0.0618	-0.103	-0.3514	-0.5333	0.4367	D12S313
92.292	0.0266	0.052	0.2826	0.3497	0.6444	D12S326
96.995	0.2219	0.1438	0.8312	1.0108	0.6496	D12S1708
102.426	1.0345	0.2707	2.0001	2.1827	0.7615	D12S351
103.746	1.4296	0.3119	2.3732	2.5659	0.7625	D12S95
109.914	1.9537	0.3537	2.8183	2.9995	0.7796	D12S2081
112.689	1.4231	0.2984	2.4796	2.56	0.84	D12S346
114.367	1.1079	0.2685	2.1563	2.2588	0.8307	D12S1727
117.962	1.2498	0.2916	2.2133	2.3991	0.7773	D12S78
123.398	0.2995	0.1592	1.012	1.1744	0.7055	D12S1613
126.542	0.1457	0.1139	0.6968	0.819	0.6986	D12S1583
132.981	0.0058	0.0232	0.1392	0.1631	0.7222	D12S354
133.655	0.0011	0.0106	0.0607	0.0725	0.6962	D12S369
133.964	0.0012	0.0107	0.0608	0.0728	0.6913	D12S79
139.646	0.0742	0.0823	0.4953	0.5844	0.701	D12S366
142.505	0.1383	0.1088	0.694	0.7979	0.7292	D12S395

143.459	0.0732	0.0795	0.5072	0.5805	0.7417	D12S2073
143.698	0.0886	0.0875	0.5572	0.6387	0.7369	D12S1349
144.394	0.0604	0.0727	0.4591	0.5275	0.7376	D12S378
148.306	0	0.0013	0.0084	0.0096	0.7673	D12S1614
151.275	0.0125	0.0351	0.1985	0.2397	0.6764	D12S324
155.308	0.3155	0.1758	0.9568	1.2054	0.6008	D12S2075
156.144	0.2797	0.1706	0.8734	1.1348	0.5679	D12S1675
158.207	0.3194	0.1834	0.9265	1.2128	0.5549	D12S1679
162.448	0.3706	0.1872	1.0567	1.3063	0.6156	D12S1659
164.59	0.368	0.1876	1.0474	1.3019	0.6084	D12S367
172.615	0.3231	0.1872	0.9214	1.2199	0.5371	D12S1723
174.333	0.2827	0.1781	0.847	1.1411	0.5229	D12S1638

Table 2.

The marker map for chromosome 12 and LOD scores, in the second step of the linkage analysis.

location	LOD	dhat	NPL	Zir	Info	marker
0	1.6956	-0.6253	-1.8379	-2.7944	0.4963	D12S352
3.758	2.024	-0.6098	-2.2287	-3.053	0.6154	D12S1608
4.239	2.0532	-0.6089	-2.262	-3.0749	0.6257	D12S1656
4.899	2.0351	-0.6062	-2.2476	-3.0614	0.6244	D12S100
4.949	2.0335	-0.6059	-2.2466	-3.0601	0.6243	D12S1694
5.825	1.9982	-0.5969	-2.2337	-3.0335	0.6278	D12S1615
7.41	1.895	-0.5609	-2.2259	-2.9541	0.6556	D12S1626
8.241	1.9046	-0.5627	-2.2255	-2.9616	0.6556	D12S372
9.071	1.8945	-0.5659	-2.197	-2.9537	0.6463	D12S835
9.239	1.8908	-0.5659	-2.1919	-2.9509	0.6452	D12S1050
9.628	1.8804	-0.5648	-2.1812	-2.9427	0.6435	D12S1652
13.786	1.6009	-0.4751	-2.1492	-2.7152	0.7218	D12S1725
14.624	1.596	-0.4767	-2.1379	-2.7111	0.7157	D12S314
15.679	1.7102	-0.5249	-2.1113	-2.8064	0.6569	D12S328
15.729	1.7111	-0.5255	-2.1102	-2.8071	0.656	D12S93
15.917	1.7113	-0.5272	-2.1062	-2.8073	0.6527	D12S99
16.495	1.6721	-0.5331	-2.0411	-2.7749	0.6266	D12S1673
16.684	1.6562	-0.5339	-2.0199	-2.7617	0.6192	D12S356
17.131	1.6124	-0.5336	-1.9702	-2 .725	0.6035	D12S374
20.18	1.4787	-0.5541	-1.7482	-2.6095	0.5214	D12S1625
23.545	1.1182	-0.4645	-1.5402	-2.2693	0.5229	D12S397
24.869	0.9441	-0.4038	-1.4682	-2.0852	0.5568	D12S1695
24.979	0.9297	-0.3985	-1.4625	-2.0692	0.5606	D12S336
25.269	0.9337	-0.399	-1.4663	-2.0736	0.5617	D12\$1674
25.559	0.9367	-0.3992	-1.4704	-2.077	0.5632	D12S1690
25.772	0.9384	-0.3989	-1.4735	-2.0788	0.5648	D12S1696

25.793	0.9385	-0.3989	-1.4738	-2.0789	0.5649	D12S77
26.767	0.9395	-0.3946	-1.4893	-2.08	0.5758	D12\$827
27.155	0.937	-0.3915	-1.4961	-2.0773	0.5821	D12S1697
27.325	0.938	-0.3939	-1.4894	-2.0784	0.5766	D12S89
28.883	0.9248	-0.4057	-1.4313	-2.0636	0.5411	D12S391
30.851	0.8473	-0.39	-1.3665	-1.9754	0.5299	D12S1581
31.936	0.7765	-0.3651	-1.3345	-1.891	0.5429	D12S1580
32.188	0.7575	-0.3576	-1.3274	-1.8677	0.5489	D12S320
32.238	0.7536	-0.356	-1.326	-1.863	0.5503	D12S364
32.735	0.7445	-0.3581	-1.3038	-1.8516	0.538	D12S308
34.013	0.7073	-0.3557	-1.2478	-1.8048	0.5172	D12S2210
34.335	0.6949	-0.3532	-1.2338	-1.7889	0.5143	D12S1303
35.153	0.6582	-0.3436	-1.1984	-1.741	0.5108	D12S1728
36.074	0.693	-0.3705	-1.1841	-1.7864	0.4727	D12S1715
37.358	0.7161	-0.3917	-1.1671	-1.816	0.4445	D12S310
37.716	0.723	-0.3955	-1.1681	-1.8247	0.4414	D12S1669
39.199	0.7267	-0.3952	-1.1753	-1.8294	0.4443	D12S1650
40.35	0.7034	-0.3777	-1.1844	-1.7998	0.4644	D12S1682
45.086	0.6102	-0.3149	-1.1956	-1.6764	0.5509	D12S1591
46.757	0.645	-0.3251	-1.2237	-1.7234	0.5509	D12S1057
47.216	0.6504	-0.3287	-1.2219	-1.7307	0.5449	D12S1617
49.098	0.6565	-0.332	-1.2227	-1.7387	0.5404	D12S1596
50.007	0.6508	-0.3269	-1.2292	-1.7312	0.5503	D12S1034
50.925	0.6382	-0.3169	-1.2391	-1.7144	0.5696	D12S1640
53.204	0.7066	-0.3153	-1.3729	-1.8039	0.6362	D12S1704
53.205	0.7066	-0.3153	-1.373	-1.8039	0.6362	D12S1643
54.901	0.6809	-0.2936	-1.4087	-1.7708	0.695	D12S1681
55.526	0.5731	-0.2654	-1.301	-1.6245	0.6994	D12S1648
55.827	0.5217	-0.2504	-1.25	-1.55	0.7065	D12S61
56.499	0.4119	-0.2146	-1.1385	-1.3772	0.737	ATA73C05
56.549	0.4041	-0.2119	-1.1303	-1.3641	0.7401	D12S1621
56.793	0.3671	-0.1986	-1.0906	-1.3002	0.7572	D12S345
57.118	0.3602	-0.1959	-1.0835	-1.288	0.7615	D12S2080
58.072	0.3416	-0.1881	-1.0664	-1.2542	0.7782	D12S1048
58.469	0.3345	-0.1849	-1.0609	-1.2411	0.7867	D12S1668
59.057	0.3671	-0.1944	-1.1109	-1.3002	0.7874	D12S1589
59.716	0.4056	-0.2045	-1.1706	-1.3667	0.7932	D12S291
60.054	0.4612	-0.221	-1.2374	-1.4573	0.7826	D12S1301
61.826	0.7555	-0.2833	-1.6011	-1.8652	0.8213	D12S1713
62.09	0.7752	-0.2879	-1.6189	-1.8894	0.819	D12S85
63.701	0.8433	-0.309	-1.6549	-1.9707	0.7867	D12S1701
64.377	0.8374	-0.3088	-1.6463	-1.9637	0.7819	D12S2199
64.888	0.821	-0.3047	-1.6355	-1.9445	0.785	D12S1590
65.096	0.8096	-0.3025	-1.6239	-1.9309	0.784	D12S1627
65.665	0.8586	-0.3194	-1.6441	-1.9884	0.756	D12S1620
65.666	0.8587	-0.3194	-1.6441	-1.9885	0.7561	D12S1635

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75.802	0.9487	-0.3605	-1.6262	-2.0902	0.6779	D12S83
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80.622	0.7896	-0.3801	-1.2958	-1.9068	0.5155	D12S1649
83.513	0.4582	-0.2911	-0.9752	-1.4527	0.4746	D12S1601
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88.586	0.1683	-0.1407	-0.7008	-0.8803	0.6584	D12S1040
89.237	0.1545	-0.1303	-0.6917	-0.8436	0.6988	D12S299
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89.781	0.143	-0.1214	-0.6848	-0.8116	0.7399	D12S1052
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92.02	0.0761	-0.0831	-0.5262	-0.5921	0.8142	D12S350
93.288	0.0009	-0.0089	-0.0583	-0.0652	0.8082	D12S326
97.989	0.2109	0.123	0.9332	0.9855	0.8597	D12S1297
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97.991	0.213	0.1237	0.9371	0.9903	0.8578	D12S1708
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100.399	0.7301	0.2091	1.8758	1.8336	0.9533	D12S1719
100.519	0.7536	0.2127	1.9016	1.8629	0.947	D12S1593
101.064	0.8567	0.2269	2.0196	1.9863	0.9341	D12S853
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104.743	1.6769	0.3035	2.8993	2.7789	0.952	D12S95
105.266	1.7384	0.3095	2.9441	2.8294	0.9441	D12S1345
106.345	1.8647	0.326	2.9793	2.9304	0.8988	D12S1346
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112.658	1.5716	0.2988	2.7576	2.6903	0.9246	D12S1706
113.456	1.482	0.2868	2.7191	2.6125	0.9569	D12S1600
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114.583	1.2538	0.2643	2.5203	2.4029	0.9739	D12S1641
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115.364	1.1318	0.2546	2.3621	2.283	0.956	D12S1727
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120.067	1.3032	0.2727	2.5213	2.4498	0.943	D12S1647
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120.348	1.4722	0.2886	2.6798	2.6038	0.9378	D12S1597
121.195	1.3839	0.2842	2.5548	2.5245	0.9127	D12S1683
124.023	0.6306	0.2003	1.693	1.7041	0.9045	D12S1342
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125.597	0.483	0.183	1.4221	1.4915	0.8432	D12S1605
126.055	0.451	0.1786	1.3612	1.4411	0.8293	D12S84
126.796	0.3855	0.1683	1.2383	1.3324	0.8059	D12S105
127.545	0.3132	0.1527	1.112 9	1.2009	0.8072	D12S1583
129.188	0.2211	0.1354	0.8864	1.009	0.7362	D12S1344
130.64	0.141	0.1122	0.6858	0.8058	0.6977	D12S1616
133.986	0.0109	0.0313	0.1941	0.2238	0.742	D12S354
134.268	0.0114	0.0321	0.1973	0.2287	0.7353	D12S1023

134.818	0.0122	0.0336	0.2027	0.237	0.7233	D12S369
134.959	0.0122	0.0336	0.2019	0.2365	0.7205	D12S1602
135.149	0.0121	0.0335	0.2006	0.2356	0.7164	D12S79
135.367	0.0102	0.0312	0.1829	0.217	0.7035	D12S1665
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143.677	0.0629	0.073	0.4759	0.5382	0.7615	D12S321
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149.448	0.0134	-0.0352	-0.2158	-0.2483	0.7656	D12S342
152.517	0.0049	-0.0224	-0.124	-0.1505	0.6847	D12S324
153.404	0.0009	-0.0099	-0.0509	-0.064	0.6328	D12S1634
153.405	0.0009	-0.0098	-0.0507	-0.0638	0.6382	D12S307
154.88	0.0244	0.0534	0.2534	0.3353	0.561	D12S1658
155.819	0.0768	0.0941	0.447	0.5948	0.549	GATA41E12
155.94	0.0855	0.0991	0.472	0.6275	0.5489	D12S2078
157.397	0.0566	0.0832	0.3729	0.5104	0.5228	D12S1675
159.342	0.0829	0.0973	0.4654	0.6179	0.5526	D12S1679
161.157	0.1143	0.1111	0.5609	0.7255	0.5776	D12S1609
163.425	0.1165	0.1067	0.5964	0.7324	0.6407	D12S834
163.559	0.1167	0.1063	0.5993	0.733	0.6461	D12S1659
165.72	0.175	0.1287	0.7383	0.8977	0.6479	D12S1714
165.721	0.175	0.1287	0.7383	0.8978	0.648	D12S367
168.245	0.1739	0.132	0.7137	0.8949	0.6107	D12S2069
168.246	0.1739	0.132	0.7138	0.8949	0.6105	D12S97
170.298	0.2145	0.1514	0.7627	0.9938	0.5626	D12S343
170.824	0.2262	0.156	0.78	1.0207	0.5566	D12S1599
171.817	0.2496	0.1638	0.8178	1.0722	0.5531	D12S392
173.734	0.2978	0.1751	0.9099	1.171	0.5715	D12S1723
175.333	0.2667	0.1709	0.8351	1.1083	0.5393	D12S357
175.456	0.2648	0.1707	0.8307	1.1043	0.5372	D12S1638
176.211	0.2665	0.1772	0.8027	1.1079	0.4984	D12S2343

Table 3 Table 3 shows the SNPs identified within the genomic sequence, by the methods described herein. Position of the SNPs refers to SEQ ID NO 1. Sequences of the SNPs are shown in FIG. 6 or FIG. 7.

								Minor	
Build34	Build34	Marker	Marker		Public		Minor	allele	position in
start	stop	name	alias	IUPAC	SNP	Variation			Sequence
94877218	94877218	SG12S432		R	rs2270318	A/G	Α	12.75	7218
		SG12S438		S	rs2268517	C/G	G	9.36	15285
	94896055		LTA4H_3645	Y		C/T	T	22.64	26055
	94896115		LTA4H_3705	K		G/T	G	4.14	26115
	94896339		LTA4H_3929	Υ		С/Т	С	2.5	26339
	94896351		LTA4H_3941	S		C/G	Ç	0.85	26351
	94896393		LTA4H_3983	W		A/T	Т	9.3	26393
	94896705		LTA4H_4295	R		A/G	Α	4.5	26705
	94896786		LTA4H_4376	R		A/G	Α	2.87	26786
	94896832		LTA4H_4422	R		A/G	Ģ	1.56	26832
	94896897		LTA4H_4487	W		A/T	Т	4.26	26897
	94896985		LTA4H_4575	R	rs11108372	A/G	Α	41.41	26985
	94897845		LTA4H_5435	Y		C/T	С	1.17	27845
	94898878		LTA4H_6468	Y		C/T	T	4.46	28878
	94899057		LTA4H_6647	Y		C/T	C	2.99	29057
	94899549		LTA4H_7139	W		A/T	Α	21.72	29549
	94900318		LTA4H_7908	W		A/T	Α	10.9	30318
	94900639		LTA4H_8229	K		G/T	G	5.09	30639
	94900892 94901997		LTA4H_8482	R		A/G	G	0.59	30892
	94902169		LTA4H_9587	W		A/T	T	3.63	31997
	94902337		LTA4H_9759 LTA4H_9927	M		A/T	Α	0.88	32169
	94902454		LTA4H_10044	Y		A/C	A	24.09	32337
	94902928		LTA4H_10518	Ϋ́		C/T	C T	20.93	32454
	94903037		LTA4H 10627	ŵ	rs2540498	C/T A/T	Ä	1.35 22.36	32928
	94903300		LTA4H_10890	Y	rs2300559	C/T	Ĉ	2.33	33037 33300
	94903618		LTA4H_11208	м	132300333	A/C	č	39.08	33618
	94903720		LTA4H_11310	R	rs2660880	A/G	A	5.95	33720
	94905002		LTA4H 12592	Ÿ	rs2110762	C/T	Ĉ	34.92	35002
	94905216		LTA4H_12806	Ý	102110102	C/T	T	0.8	35216
	94905667		LTA4H 13257	Ŕ	rs2072510	A/G	À	36.88	35667
	94905821		LTA4H 13411	Ŷ	.02012010	C/T	Ť	1.39	35821
	94906078		LTA4H_13668	Ý		C/T	Ċ	7.06	36078
	94906362		LTA4H_13952	Ý		C/T	Ť	5.67	36362
	94906457		LTA4H 14047	W	rs10492226	A/T	À	1.18	36457
	94906743		LTA4H 14333	W		A/T	A	24.77	36743
94907375	94907375	SG12S78	LTA4H_14965	Υ		C/T	T	2.48	37375
94907545	94907545	SG12S24	LTA4H_15135	Υ	rs2660900	C/T	Ċ	23.76	37545
94907935	94907935	SG12S79	LTA4H_15525	s		C/G	Ċ	0.83	37935
	94908971		LTA4H_16561		rs2540496	A/G	Ā	31.11	38971
94909012	94909012	SG12S80	LTA4H_16602	W		A/T	Α	0.74	39012
94909191	94909191	SG12S39	LTA4H_16781	K	rs2540495	G/T	Т	30.74	39191
94909554	94909554	SG12S81	LTA4H_17144	R	rs12319438	A/G	G `	4.12	39554
94910164	94910164	SG12S82	LTA4H_17754	R		A/G	Α	0.4	40164

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	94910246	94910246	SG12S83	LTA4H_17836	W		A/T	Τ	1.21	40246
		94910273		LTA4H_17863	R		A/G	Α	2.82	40273
		94911669		LTA4H_19259	R	rs1978331	A/G	G	31.68	41669
	94911781	94911781		LTA4H_19371	Υ		C/T	T	1.25	41781
	94914296	94914296		LTA4H 21886	W	rs7959337	A/T	Α	5.29	44296
	04016236	94916236		LTA4H 23826	R		A/G	G	4.71	46236
	94916235	94916445		LTA4H_24035	Υ		C/T	T	1.27	46445
	0/016/52	94916452		LTA4H 24042	R	rs1990611	A/G	Α	33.76	46452
	04016805	94916805		LTA4H_24395	R	rs7981011	A/G	G	4.91	46805
	94910000	94916919		LTA4H_24509	Υ		C/T	C	17.16	46919
		94917444		LTA4H_25034	R		A/G	Α	0.84	47444
		94918851		LTA4H_26441	Y	rs2660838	C/T	С	25	48851
		94919176		LTA4H_26766	Y		C/T	С	20.44	49176
		94919667		LTA4H_27257	Ŕ	rs2268516	A/G	Ä	2.44	49667
		94920368		LTA4H 27958	Ϋ́	rs2660839	C/T	Ĉ	31.82	50368
		94921763		LTA4H 29353	Ϋ́	152000033	C/T	Č	20.35	51763
		94921703		LTA4H_29513	R	rs4441106	A/G	G	7.07	51923
				LTA4H_29999	R	rs763875	A/G	Ā	5.92	52409
		94922409		_	Y	rs763876	СЛ	Ť	2.1	52502
		94922502		LTA4H_30092		rs763874	C/T	Ċ	32.42	52681
		94922681		LTA4H_30271	Y			C	27.41	53446
		94923446		LTA4H_31036	Y	rs2660892	C/T			
		94923744		LTA4H_31334	R		A/G	A	0.27	53744
		94924037		LTA4H_31627	R		A/G	Α .	4.37	54037 54045
**				LTA4H_32435	Y	rs2247570	C/T	C	27.79	54845
				LTA4H_32528	R		A/G	A	1.5	54938
		94925915		LTA4H_33505	Y	rs2660895	C/T	С	30.71	55915
		94926590		LTA4H_34180	Y	rs2247330	C/T	C	30.9	56590
				LTA4H_34314	R	rs2247323	A/G	G	31.85	56724
				LTA4H_34505	Υ	rs2247313	C/T	T	32.74	56915
				LTA4H_34600	Υ	rs2247309	C/T	С	32.74	57010
		94927133		LTA4H_34723	Y	rs2247304	C/T	C	25.57	57133
		94927900		LTA4H_35490	R	rs2660897	A/G	A	35.93	57900
				LTA4H_35549	Υ	rs11108381	C/T	T	2.4	57959
		94928465		LTA4H_36055	K	rs2660898	G/T	G	29.36	58465
		94928740		LTA4H_36330	Υ	rs2540490	C/T	T	31	58740
				LTA4H_36560	Υ	rs2540489	C/T	С	30.89	58970
				LTA4H_36773	Y	rs11108382	C/T	T	2.58	59183
				LTA4H_36803	R	rs2540488	A/G	A	26.28	59213
				LTA4H_37351	Υ	rs2300557	C/T	Т	4.76	59761
				LTA4H_37360	W	rs2246990	A/T	Α	28.57	59770
	94929936	94929936	SG12S111	LTA4H_37526	W		A/T	Α	2.81	59936
	94930044	94930044		LTA4H_37634	M		A/C	С	46.15	60044
		94930343		LTA4H_37933	K	rs2246973	G/T	G	32.93	60343
	94930357	94930357	SG12S113	LTA4H_37947	Υ	rs2246972	C/T	T	33.54	60357
				LTA4H_38836	K		G/T	T	7.55	61246
	94934775	94934775	SG12S141		R	rs10777768	A/G			64775
	94934975	94934975	SG12S140		, M	rs2660840	A/C	С	29.77	64975
			SG12S143		Y	rs2540482	C/T	С	17.02	67348
	94941021	94941021	SG12S144		R	rs2660845	A/G	G	19.43	71021
			SG12S221		R	rs2540475	A/G	Α	16.92	73761
			SG12S222		Υ	rs2660850	C/T	С	15.47	76089
			SG12S460		М	RS2660852	A/C	Α	37.22	78016
			SG12S223		Υ	rs2660875	C/T	С	43.79	79965
			SG12S224		R	rs2540473	A/G	G	6.12	80568

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94952847 94952847 SG12S225	R	rs2540472	A/G	Α	5.63	82847
94953483 94953483 SG12\$226	S	rs2540471	C/G	С	37.7	83483
94953798 94953798 SG12S227	R		A/G			83798
94953801 94953801 SG12S228	Υ	rs2660890	C/T	T	46.96	83801
94953831 94953831 SG12S229	M	rs2660889	A/C			83831
94954155 94954155 SG12S230	R	rs2660888	A/G	Α	35.68	84155
94954449 94954449 SG12S231	Y	rs4762661	C/T			84449
94958156 94958156 SG12S232	Υ		C/T			88156
94958339 94958339 SG12S233	Υ	rs2660885	C/T	Т	15.18	88339
94962388 94962388 SG12S234	R	rs5800242	A/G			92388
94962435 94962435 SG12S235	Υ	rs759391	C/T			92435
94963320 94963320 SG12S236	S	rs2540467	C/G			93320
94963655 94963655 SG12S237	Υ	rs2540466	C/T	Т	37.05	93655
94963774 94963774 SG12S238	Y	rs10492225	C/T			93774
94964298 94964298 SG12S239	W	rs2660874	A/T			94298
94966584 94966584 SG12S240	W	rs2540461	A/T			96584

Table 4A. Haplotype association analysis including SNPs and microsatellite markers across the LTA4H gene.

<u>;</u>	con.frq.		0.44	0.43		0.44		0.43		0.44	0.43			0.44	0.43
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X 7 7 7 7	aff.frq.		0.49	0.5		0.51		0.51		0.46	0.47			0.54	0.56
550	#aff		230	290		361		361		229	229			8	88
	_		1.24	1.32		1.34		4.		1.11	1.2			1.51	1.69
companie mancio actoso aic diffit gone.	p-val		1.67E-02	3.20E-03		5.10E-03		1.50E-03		3.80E-01	1.35E-01			1.50E-02	2.40E-03
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		All MI vs controls	short	form	MI males vs controls		short	10	MI females vs controls	short	form	(Recurrent MI vs controls	short	form

P-val=p-value. r=Relative risk. #aff=Number of patients. # con= number of controls. Aff.frq= haplotype/allelic frequency in patients. Con.frq= haplotype/allelic frequency in controls.

Table 4B. Information on microsatellite markers that were used in the haplotype association analysis shown in Table 4A.

Marker Name	DG12S1664
Chr	12
Cytoband	q23.1
Start in SEQ_ID_NO_1 (bp)	7855
NCBI_build33Start (Mb)	96.317853
Size	238
CEPH standard (reference allele)	245
Polymorphism type	SNP
Polymorphism class	in-del
Heterozygosity ratio	0.23
Forward primer	GGAAGGAGGACACTTCTGGA (SEQ ID NO:118)
Reverse primer	GCTGTGAATGGCTAAACTTGG (SEQ ID NO:119)

Marker Name	DG12S1666		
Chr	12		
Cytoband	q23.1		
Start in SEQ_ID_NO_1 (bp)	38342		
NCBI_build33Start (Mb)	96.34834		
Size	188		
CEPH standard (reference allele)	193		
Polymorphism type	Microsatellite		
Polymorphism class	Di		
Heterozygosity ratio	0.52		
Forward primer	CACAGAAGCTGCAGTGGAAG (SEQ ID NO:120)		
Reverse primer	CAAATGGAGGAGTCAAGACCA (SEQ ID NO:121)		

Marker Name	DG12S1668		
Chr	12		
Cytoband	q23.1		
Start in SEQ_ID_NO_1 (bp)	86595		
NCBI_build33Start (Mb)	96.396593		
Size	398		
CEPH standard (reference allele)	398		
Polymorphism type	Microsatellite		
Polymorphism class	Di		
Heterozygosity ratio	0.72		
Forward primer	GCAGTTTAAGCTGTATGTATATGAGG (SEQ ID NO:122)		
Reverse primer	TGAAAGCCATCACTGTAAGGA (SEO ID NO:123)		

Table 5. Haplotype association analysis including SNPs and microsatellite markers in the LTA4H gene region.

#con con.frq.	0.039 0.045 0.317	0.035 0.043 0.314	0.039 0.047 0.322	0.040 0.045 0.316	0.038 0.044 0.315
#con	953 951 951	953 951 951	953 951 951	953 951 951	953 951 951
aff.frq.	0.051 0.071 0.290	0.051 0.069 0.283	0.046 0.073 0.301	0.060 0.067 0.274	0.073 0.099 0.220
#aff	1560 1556 1557	1096 1093 1094	464 463 463	273 272 273	325 325 325
_	1.34 1.63 0.88	1.49 1.66 0.86	1.19 1.60 0.91	1.52 1.54 0.82	1.97 2.39 0.61
P-val adj.		·			0.007
p-val	6.2E-02 1.5E-03 7.5E-02	2.2E-02 3.1E-03 6.3E-02	4.3E-01 1.6E-02 3.1E-01	7.7E-02 7.5E-02 9.8E-02	1.5E-03 2.4E-05 4.1E-05
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20172772	တ	O	ပ	O	
20152553	ပ	ပ	Ç	O	O.
20172777	ပပ	ပပ	ပပ	QΟ	OO
20152551	ပ	ပ	ပ	ပ	
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26128143	⊢ ⊢	⊢ ⊢	⊢ ⊢	⊢ ⊢	⊢ ⊢
2017278	-	-	-	-	ř–
26128100	-	-	-	-	⊢
DG1521666	0	0	0	0	0
2612826	⊢ ⊢		⊢ ⊢	⊢ ⊢	
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P-val=p-value. P-val adj: P-value adjusted for multiple comparisons. r=Relative risk. #aff=Number of patients. # con=number of controls. Aff.frq= haplotype/allelic frequency in patients. Con.frq= haplotype/allelic frequency in controls.

Discussion

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In a genome wide search for susceptibility genes for MI, a gene was mapped to 12q23. This locus was fine mapped with microsatellite markers. Haplotype analysis in a large case-control association study using markers spanning a 79kb region across the LTA4H gene, shows that LTA4H is a significant susceptibility gene for MI.

The LTA4H gene encodes a protein that is required for leukotriene B4 synthesis. The leukotrienes are potent inflammatory lipid mediators derived from arachidonic acid. Given that our data shows that LTA4H shows significant association to MI, it may contribute to development of atherosclerosis in coronary arteries and/or to the destabilization of existing coronary atherosclerotic plaques through lipid oxidation and/or proinflammatory effects. In support of our discovery, Dashwood and coworkers have studied expression of the enzymes that control the formation of leukotrienes in coronary arteries. They showed that cells showing positive antibody binding to 5-LO, FLAP (5-lipoxygenase activating protein), and leukotriene A4 hydrolase were present in the coronary arteries and had a similar distribution to macrophages. (Dashwood, et al., Circulation 1998 June 23,97(24):2406-13). Thus, LTA4H and other members of the leukotriene pathway are expressed within cell types found in atherosclerotic lesions that form the basis for the final event of myocardial infarction. Their potential role in plaque instability may explain why many patients have stable angina for years without suffering a myocardial infarction (and therefore presumably have atherosclerotic lesions without the instability that leads to overriding thrombosis and MI) while others suffer MI with little or no period of stable angina. Those patients with elevated LTA4H enzymatic activity in atherosclerotic lesions may have more unstable plaques and higher MI rates. In addition, increased LTA4H activity may accelerate atherosclerosis lesion formation and progression.

Our work on LTA4H is supported by our previous work on the gene that encodes FLAP, which works with 5-LO to produce Leukotriene A4; that is, it is

upstream of LTA4H. We found that variants in the FLAP gene more than double the risk of MI. LTA4H represents the second member of the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway that we have been the first to show confers substantially higher risk for MI.

Further work in animals which supports our discovery that LTA4H is a disease gene for MI comes from Aiello and coworkers. They have shown that leukotriene B4 receptor antagonism reduces monocytic foam cells in mice, suggesting that LTB4 has a role in the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis in mice. (Aiello, et al., Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology. 2002;22:443.)

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Finally, additional support of our human validation of the leukotriene pathways role in MI in general, and for LTA4H, in particular, comes from Mehrabian *et al.* who described the identification of 5-Lipoxygenase (5-LO) as a major gene contributing to atherosclerosis susceptibility in mice. Mehrabian *et al.* described that heterozygous deficiency for the enzyme in a knockout model decreased the atherosclerotic lesion size in LDL-/- mice by about 95%. Mehrabian *et al* show that the enzyme is expressed abundantly in macrophage-rich regions of atherosclerotic lesions, and suggested that 5-LO and/or its products might act locally to promote lesion development (Mehrabian *et al.*, *Circulation Research.* 91:120 (2002)).

These results suggest that the Leukotriene B4 branch of the leukotriene pathway (as opposed to the other main end products of the leukotriene biosynthetic pathway: leukotriene C4, leukotriene D4, and leukotriene E4) may be more specifically involved in MI risk. If so, then medicants acting on this branch or blocking the effects of LTB4 may be more effective in preventing/treating MI than those acting on the other branches of the pathway or that block the effects of LTC4, LTD4, or LTE4. However, our current data do not exclude these other branches of the leukotriene pathway; the data do suggest that at least the LTB4 side of the leukotriene pathway is important for MI.

Mutations and /or polymorphisms within or near the LTA4H nucleic acid, and other members of the same pathway (i.e., leukotriene B4 receptor 1 and 2, leukotriene B4 omega-hydroxylase, leukotriene B4 12-hydroxydehydrogenase), that show association with the disease, may be used as a diagnostic test to predict those

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at risk for MI and ACS as well as those who might benefit from medicants directed against members of the leukotriene pathway. Therefore, there may be other members of the leukotriene pathway that may be valuable therapeutic targets for myocardial infarction in addition to LTA4H and FLAP.

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EXAMPLE 2: MRNA EXPRESSION OF THE LTA4 HYDROLASE GENE IN WHITE BLOOD CELLS OF MI PATIENTS VS CONTROL

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mRNA expression was compared in white blood cells from patients with history of myocardial infarction (MI) and in age and sex matched controls without MI. The leucocyte population was separated into: 1) neutrophils and 2) peripheral blood mononuclear cells prior to RNA extraction using standardized methods as previously described (Helgadottir *et al*, Nature Genetics, 2004; Hakonarson et al, J Immunol, 2001).

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RNA was isolated from PBM cells obtainted from 43 MI patients and 35 controls. RNA was separately analyzed from granulocytes from the same subjects. Sufficient amount for RNA was obtained from all PBM cell preparations, and granulocyte preparations from 35 MI patients and 29 controls. RNA was converted into cDNA using the protocol below. PCR was then run on the cDNA with the LTA4H Assay-on-Demand and Beta Actin Pre-Developed Assay Reagent from Applied Biosystems using the PCR parameters below.

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Table 6	PCR Parameters		
RT Reaction			

TaqMan RT Buffer	1X		
MgCl2	5.5 mM		
dNTP	0.5mM per dNTP	25°C	10'
Random Hexamers	2.5uM	48°C	30'
Rnase Inhibitor	0.4U/uL	95°C	5'
MultiScribe Reverse Transcriptase	1.25U/uL	•	
RNA	2ng/uL		
	50uL Reaction Volume		

PCR Reaction

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TaqMan Universal Master Mix	1X	95°C	10'
TaqManAssay (20X)	1X	40 cycles:	
cDNA	2ng/ul (original RNA)	95°C	15"
	10uL Reaction Volume	60°C	60"

All PCR reactions run in duplicates.

ABI7900 instrument was used to calculate CT (Threshold Cycle) values. Samples displaying a greater than 1 deltaCT between duplicates were not used in our analysis. Quantity was obtained using the formula 2^-deltaCT where deltaCT represents the difference of CT values between target and housekeeping assay. mRNA expression was subsequently compared between patients and controls. To determine if there were differences between the groups, we used standardized Mann-Whitney analysis as well as Standard t tests, with p<0.05 considered significant. Moreover, given our hypothesis of enhanced expression of the LTA4 hydrolase gene in patients compared to controls, we report both unpaired two-sided and unpaired one-sided t tests with Welch correction.

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Table 7 Analysis	Results		
PBMC	#	# 5% extr.	Ave Q -5% extr.
Patients	43	2.15	1.954317191
Controls	35	1.75	1.72766267
Granulocytes	s #	# 5% extr.	Ave Q -5% extr.
Patients	35	1.75	0.401265947
Controls	29	1.45	0.331226464

Statistics Granulocytes MI patients vs controls

P=0.0868 Mann-Whitney two-sided test

P=0.0635 Unpaired two-sided t test P=0.0318 Unpaired one-sided t test

P=0.0556 Unpaired two-sided t test with Welch correction P=0.0278 Unpaired one-sided t test with Welch correction

Statistics PBMC Patients vs Control

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P=0.0456 Mann-Whitney two-sided test

P=0.0591 Unpaired two-sided t test P=0.0296 Unpaired one-sided t test

P=0.0656 Unpaired two-sided t test with Welch correction P=0.0328 Unpaired one-sided t test with Welch correction

Relative to cells isolated from control subjects, mRNA expression of LTA4 hydrolase gene is significantly enhanced in both PBM cells and granulocytes isolated from patients with MI. These data further confirmed the role of this gene in MI.

All references cited herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety. While this invention has been particularly shown and described with references to preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that

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various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention encompassed by the appended claims.

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CLAIMS

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What is claimed is:

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1. A method of preventing or treating myocardial infarction or decreasing susceptibility to myocardial infarction in an individual, comprising administering a leukotriene inhibitor to the individual in need thereof, in a therapeutically effective amount.

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2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: an at-risk haplotype or other variant for myocardial infarction in any MI disease gene, an at-risk haplotype or variant in FLAP, an at-risk haplotype or other variant in the LTA4H gene, and a polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid.

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3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: diabetes; hypertension; hypercholesterolemia; elevated lp(a); obesity; and past or current smoker.

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4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual has an elevated inflammatory marker.

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5. The method of Claim 4, wherein the inflammatory marker is selected from the group consisting of: C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, di-tyrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite, interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, a soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule (sVCAM), a soluble intervascular adhesion molecule (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9.

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6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual has increased total cholesterol, increased LDL cholesterol and/or decreased HDL cholesterol.

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- The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual has increased leukotriene synthesis.
 - 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual has had at least one previous myocardial infarction, ACS event, stroke, TIA or has stable angina or PAOD.
 - 9. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual has atherosclerosis or who requires treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stents, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries.
- 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: ethyl-1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-4-piperidine-carboxylate, otherwise known as SC-56938; [4-[5-(3-Phenyl-propyl)thiophen-2-yl]butoxy]acetic acid, otherwise known as RP64966; (R)-S-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methyl]-N-(3-mercapto-2methyl-1-oxopropyl-L-cycteine, otherwise known as SA6541; optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.
 - 11. The method of Claim 1, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of LTB4 receptor antagonists as listed in the Agent Table, optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.
 - 12. The method of Claim 1, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is an LTA4H inhibitor or antagonist.
- The method of Claim 1, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a BLT1 and/or BLT2 leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.

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- 14. The method of Claim 1, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor or antagonist, or an antibody to a leukotriene.
- The method of Claim 1, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.

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- 16. The method of Claim 1, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is an inhibitor of a member of the leukotriene LTB4 biosynthesis pathway.
- 17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the member of the leukotriene biosynthesis pathway is selected from the group consisting of: FLAP, 5-LO, and LTA4H.
- 18. A method of preventing or treating acute coronary syndrome in an individual, comprising administering a leukotriene inhibitor to the individual, in a therapeutically effective amount.
- 19. The method of Claim 18, wherein the acute coronary syndrome is selected from the group consisting of: unstable angina, non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) and ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI).
- 20. The method of Claim 18, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: an at-risk haplotype for myocardial infarction, an at-risk haplotype in the LTA4H gene, and/or a polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid.
- 21. The method of Claim 18, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: diabetes; hypertension; hypercholesterolemia; elevated lp(a); obesity; and past or current smoker.

- 22. The method of Claim 18, wherein the individual has an elevated inflammatory marker.
- 23. The method of Claim 22, wherein the inflammatory marker is selected from the group consisting of: C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, di-tyrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite, interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, a soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule (sVCAM), a soluble intervascular adhesion molecule (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9.

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- 24. The method of Claim 18, wherein the individual has increased total cholesterol, increased LDL cholesterol and/or decreased HDL cholesterol.
- 25. The method of Claim 18, wherein the individual has increased leukotriene synthesis.
- 26. The method of Claim 18, wherein the individual has had at least one previous myocardial infarction or ACS event, stroke, or TIA, or has stable angina or PAOD.
- 27. The method of Claim 18, wherein the individual has atherosclerosis or who requires treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stents, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries.
- 28. The method of Claim 18, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: ethyl-1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-4-piperidine-carboxylate, otherwise known as SC-56938; [4-[5-(3-Phenyl-propyl)thiophen-2-yl]butoxy]acetic acid, otherwise known as RP64966; (R)-S-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methyl]-N-(3-mercapto-2methyl-1-oxopropyl-L-

- cycteine, otherwise known as SA6541; optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.
- 29. The method of Claim 18, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of LTB4 receptor antagonists as listed in the Agent Table, optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.

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- 30. The method of Claim 18, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is an LTA4H inhibitor or antagonist.
- 31. The method of Claim 18, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a BLT1 and/or BLT2 leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.
- 32. The method of Claim 18, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor or antagonist, or an antibody to a leukotriene.
- 33. The method of Claim 18, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.
- The method of Claim 18, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is an inhibitor of a member of the leukotriene LTB4 biosynthesis pathway.
 - 35. The method of Claim 34, wherein the member of the leukotriene biosynthesis pathway is selected from the group consisting of: FLAP, 5-LO, and LTA4H.
 - 36. A method of decreasing risk of a subsequent myocardial infarction in an individual who has had at least one myocardial infarction, comprising administering a leukotriene inhibitor to the individual, in a therapeutically effective amount.

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37. The method of Claim 36, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: an at-risk haplotype for myocardial infarction, an at-risk haplotype in the LTA4H gene, and/or a polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid.

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38. The method of Claim 36, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: diabetes; hypertension; hypercholesterolemia; elevated lp(a); obesity; and past or current smoker.

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39. The method of Claim 36, wherein the individual has an elevated inflammatory marker.

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40. The method of Claim 39, wherein the inflammatory marker is selected from the group consisting of: C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, di-tyrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite, interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, a soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule (sVCAM), a soluble intervascular adhesion molecule (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9.

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41. The method of Claim 36, wherein the individual has increased total cholesterol, increased LDL cholesterol and/or decreased HDL cholesterol.

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42. The method of Claim 36, wherein the individual has increased leukotriene synthesis.

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The method of Claim 36, wherein the individual has had at least one previous myocardial infarction or ACS event, or has stable angina.

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- 44. The method of Claim 36, wherein the individual has atherosclerosis or who requires treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stents, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries.
- The method of Claim 36, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: ethyl-1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-4-piperidine-carboxylate, otherwise known as SC-56938; [4-[5-(3-Phenyl-propyl)thiophen-2-yl]butoxy]acetic acid, otherwise known as RP64966; (R)-S-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methyl]-N-(3-mercapto-2methyl-1-oxopropyl-L-cycteine; otherwise known as SA6541; optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.
 - 46. The method of Claim 36, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of LTB4 receptor antagonists as listed in the Agent Table, optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.
 - 47. The method of Claim 36, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is an LTA4H inhibitor or antagonist.
- The method of Claim 36, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a BLT1 and/or BLT2 leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.

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- 49. The method of Claim 36, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor or antagonist, or an antibody to a leukotriene.
- 50. The method of Claim 36, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.
- The method of Claim 36, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is an inhibitor of a member of the leukotriene LTB4 biosynthesis pathway.

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52. The method of Claim 51, wherein the member of the leukotriene biosynthesis pathway is selected from the group consisting of: FLAP, 5-LO, and LTA4H.

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- 53. A method of treatment for atherosclerosis in an individual, comprising administering a leukotriene inhibitor to the individual, in a therapeutically effective amount.
- 54. The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual is concurrently treated to restore blood flow in coronary arteries.
- 55. The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: an at-risk haplotype for myocardial infarction, an at-risk haplotype in the LTA4H gene, and/or a polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid.
- 56. The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: diabetes; hypertension; hypercholesterolemia; elevated lp(a); obesity; and past or current smoker.
- The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual has an elevated inflammatory marker.
- 58. The method of Claim 57, wherein the inflammatory marker is selected from the group consisting of: C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A,

 25 myeloperóxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, di-tyrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite, interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, a soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule (sVCAM), a soluble intervascular adhesion molecule (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9.

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- 59. The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual has increased total cholesterol, increased LDL cholesterol and/or decreased HDL cholesterol.
- 60. The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual has increased leukotriene synthesis.

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- The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual has had at least one previous myocardial infarction or ACS event, or has stable angina.
- The method of Claim 53, wherein the individual has atherosclerosis or who requires treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stents, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries.
- 63. The method of Claim 53, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: ethyl-1-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-4-piperidine-carboxylate, otherwise known as SC-56938; [4-[5-(3-Phenyl-propyl)thiophen-2-yl]butoxy]acetic acid, otherwise known as RP64966; (R)-S-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methyl]-N-(3-mercapto-2methyl-1-oxopropyl-L-cycteine, otherwise known as SA6541; optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.
 - 64. The method of Claim 53, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of LTB4 receptor antagonists as listed in the Agent Table, optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.
 - 65. The method of Claim 53, wherein the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an LTA4H inhibitor or antagonist.
 - 66. The method of Claim 53, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a BLT1 and/or BLT2 leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.

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- 67. The method of Claim 53, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor or antagonist, or an antibody to a leukotriene.
- 68. The method of Claim 53, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is a leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.

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- 69. The method of Claim 53, wherein the leukotriene inhibitor is an inhibitor of a member of the leukotriene LTB4 biosynthesis pathway.
- The method of Claim 69, wherein the member of the leukotriene biosynthesis pathway is selected from the group consisting of: FLAP, 5-LO, and LTA4H.
 - 71. A method of antagonizing leukotriene action in an individual, comprising administering a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor or leukotriene receptor antagonist to the individual, in a therapeutically effective amount.
 - 72. The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual is concurrently treated to restore blood flow in coronary arteries.
- 73. The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: an at-risk haplotype for myocardial infarction, an at-risk haplotype in the LTA4H gene, and/or a polymorphism in an LTA4H nucleic acid.
- The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual has at least one risk factor selected from the group consisting of: diabetes; hypertension; hypercholesterolemia; elevated lp(a); obesity; and past or current smoker.
 - 75. The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual has an elevated inflammatory marker.

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- 76. The method of Claim 71, wherein the inflammatory marker is selected from the group consisting of: C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, di-tyrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite, interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, a soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule (sVCAM), a soluble intervascular adhesion molecule (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9.
- The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual has increased total cholesterol, increased LDL cholesterol and/or decreased HDL cholesterol.

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- 78. The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual has increased leukotriene synthesis.
- 79. The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual has had at least one previous myocardial infarction or ACS event, or has stable angina.
- 80. The method of Claim 71, wherein the individual has atherosclerosis or who requires treatment (e.g., angioplasty, stents, coronary artery bypass graft) to restore blood flow in arteries.
- 81. The method of Claim 71, wherein the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: ethyl-1-[2-[425 (phenylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl]-4-piperidine-carboxylate, otherwise known as SC-56938; [4-[5-(3-Phenyl-propyl)thiophen-2-yl]butoxy]acetic acid, otherwise known as RP64966; (R)-S-[[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methyl]-N-(3-mercapto-2methyl-1-oxopropyl-L-cycteine, otherwise known as SA6541; optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.

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82. The method of Claim 71, wherein the leukotriene receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of LTB4 receptor antagonists as listed in the Agent Table, optically pure enantiomers, salts, chemical derivatives, and analogues.

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83. The method of Claim 71, wherein the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an LTA4H inhibitor or antagonist.

84. The method of Claim 71, wherein the leukotriene receptor antagonist is a BLT1 and/or BLT2 leukotriene receptor inhibitor or antagonist.

- 85. The method of Claim 71, wherein the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an inhibitor of a member of the leukotriene LTB4 biosynthesis pathway.
- 86. The method of Claim 85, wherein the member of the leukotriene biosynthesis pathway is selected from the group consisting of: FLAP, 5-LO, and LTA4H.
 - 87. The method of any one of Claims 1-86, wherein the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an agent set forth in the Agent Table or in the Additional LTA4H Agent List.
 - 88. The method of any one of Claims 1-86, wherein the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an agent selected from the group consisting of: a complement of a nucleic acid encoding a member of the leukotriene pathway; a binding agent of a member of the leukotriene pathway; an agent that alters expression of a nucleic acid encoding a member of the leukotriene pathway; an agent that alters posttranslational processing of a member of the leukotriene pathway; an agent that alters activity of a polypeptide member of the leukotriene pathway; an agent that alters activity of a leukotriene; an antibody to a leukotriene; and an agent that alters interaction among two or more members of the leukotriene pathway.

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89. The method of any one of Claims 1-86, wherein the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor is an agent selected from the group consisting of: an LTA4H nucleic acid binding agent; a peptidomimetic; a fusion protein; a prodrug; an antibody; an agent that alters LTA4H nucleic acid expression; an agent that alters activity of a polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid; an agent that alters posttranscriptional processing of a polypeptide encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid; an agent that alters interaction of an LTA4H nucleic acid with a LTA4H nucleic acid binding agent; an agent that alters transcription of splicing variants encoded by an LTA4H nucleic acid; and ribozymes.

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- 90. A method of assessing response to treatment with a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor, by an individual in a target population, comprising:
 - a) assessing the level of leukotriene synthesis in the individual before treatment with a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor;
 - b) assessing the level of leukotriene synthesis in the individual during or after treatment with the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor;
 - c) comparing the level of the leukotriene before treatment with the level of the leukotriene during or after treatment,
 - wherein a level of the leukotriene during or after treatment that is significantly lower than the level of the leukotriene before treatment, is indicative of efficacy of treatment with the leukotriene synthesis inhibitor.
- 91. The method of Claim 90, wherein the level of the leukotriene in steps (a) and (b) is assessed by measurement of the leukotriene in a sample selected from the group consisting of: serum, plasma and urine.
- 92. The method of Claim 90, wherein the level of the leukotriene in steps (a) and (b) is assessed by measurement of ex vivo production of the leukotriene in a sample from the individual.

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93. A method of assessing response to treatment with a leukotriene inhibitor, by an individual in a target population, comprising:

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- a) assessing the level of an inflammatory marker in the individual before treatment with a leukotriene inhibitor
- b) assessing the level of the inflammatory marker in the individual during or after treatment with the leukotriene inhibitor;
- c) comparing the level of the inflammatory marker before treatment with the level of the inflammatory marker during or after treatment, wherein a level of the inflammatory marker during or after treatment that is significantly lower than the level of inflammatory marker before treatment, is indicative of efficacy of treatment with the leukotriene inhibitor.
- 94. The method of Claim 93, wherein the inflammatory marker is selected from the group consisting of: C-reactive protein (CRP), serum amyloid A, myeloperoxidase (MPO), N-tyrosine, di-tyrosine, lipoprotein phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), fibrinogen, a leukotriene, a leukotriene metabolite (e.g., cysteinyl leukotrienes), interleukin-6, tissue necrosis factor-alpha, soluble vascular cell adhesion molecules (sVCAM), soluble intervascular adhesion molecules (sICAM), E-selectin, matrix metalloprotease type-1, matrix metalloprotease type-2, matrix metalloprotease type-3, and matrix metalloprotease type-9.
 - 95. A method of diagnosing susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual, comprising screening for an at-risk haplotype in the LTA4H gene that is more frequently present in an individual susceptible to MI or ACS compared to the frequency of its presence in a healthy individual, wherein the at-risk haplotype increases risk of MI or ACS significantly.
 - 96. The method of claim 95 wherein the significant increase is at least about 20%.

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- 97. The method of claim 95 wherein the significant increase is identified as an odds ratio of at least about 1.2.
- 98. A method of diagnosing susceptibility to a MI or ACS in an individual, comprising screening for an at-risk haplotype in the LTA4H gene that is more frequently present in an individual susceptible to MI or ACS compared to the frequency of its presence in a healthy individual, wherein the presence of the at-risk haplotype is indicative of a susceptibility to MI or ACS.
- 99. A method of diagnosing susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual, comprising screening for the presence of an at-risk haplotype within or near the LTA4H gene that is more frequently present in an individual susceptible to MI or ACS compared to the frequency of its presence in a healthy individual, wherein the at-risk haplotype significantly correlates with susceptibility to MI or ACS.

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- 100. The method of Claim 99, wherein the at-risk haplotype within or near LTA4H comprises makers DG12S1664, SG12S26, DG12S1666, and SG12S144, with alleles 0, T, 0, and A, respectively.
- 101. A method of diagnosing susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual, comprising assessing a sample from the individual for the presence of tagging markers in a haplotype block comprising the LTA4H gene, wherein the presence of tagging markers in the haplotype block that are more frequently present in an individual susceptible to MI or ACS (affected), compared to the frequency of its presence in a healthy individual (control), wherein the presence of the tagging markers is indicative of a susceptibility to MI or ACS.
- 102. A method of diagnosing a susceptibility to MI or ACS in an individual, comprising detecting one or more markers at one or more polymorphic sites,

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wherein the one or more polymomrphic sites are in linkage disequilibrium with a marker within or near LTA4H.

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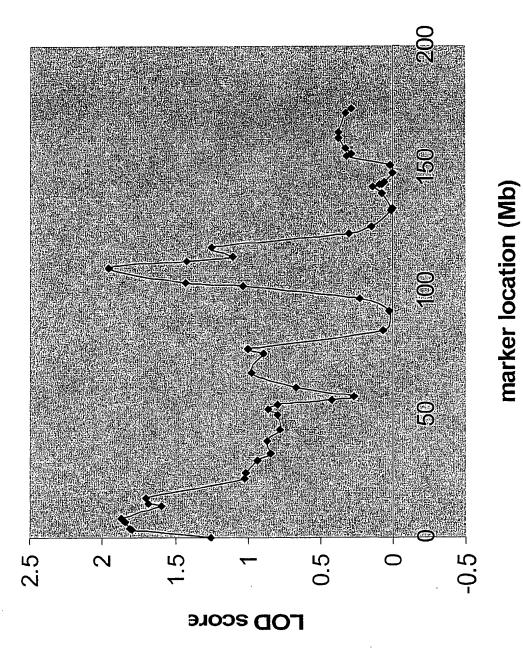
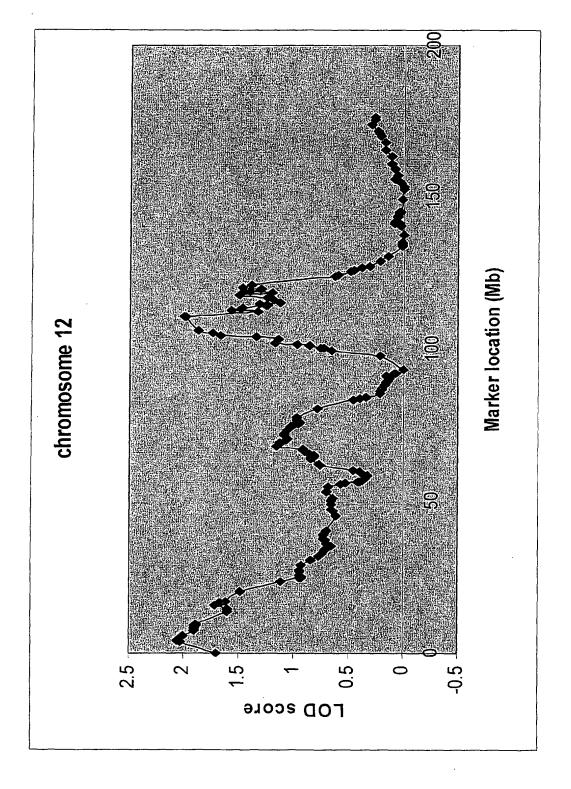


FIG. 1



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FIG. 5

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LTA4H 14333 (W=A/T)

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LTA4H 17863 (R=A/G)

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LTA4H 23826 (R=A/G)

LTA4H 24035 (Y=C/T)

LTA4H 24042 (R=A/G)

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